

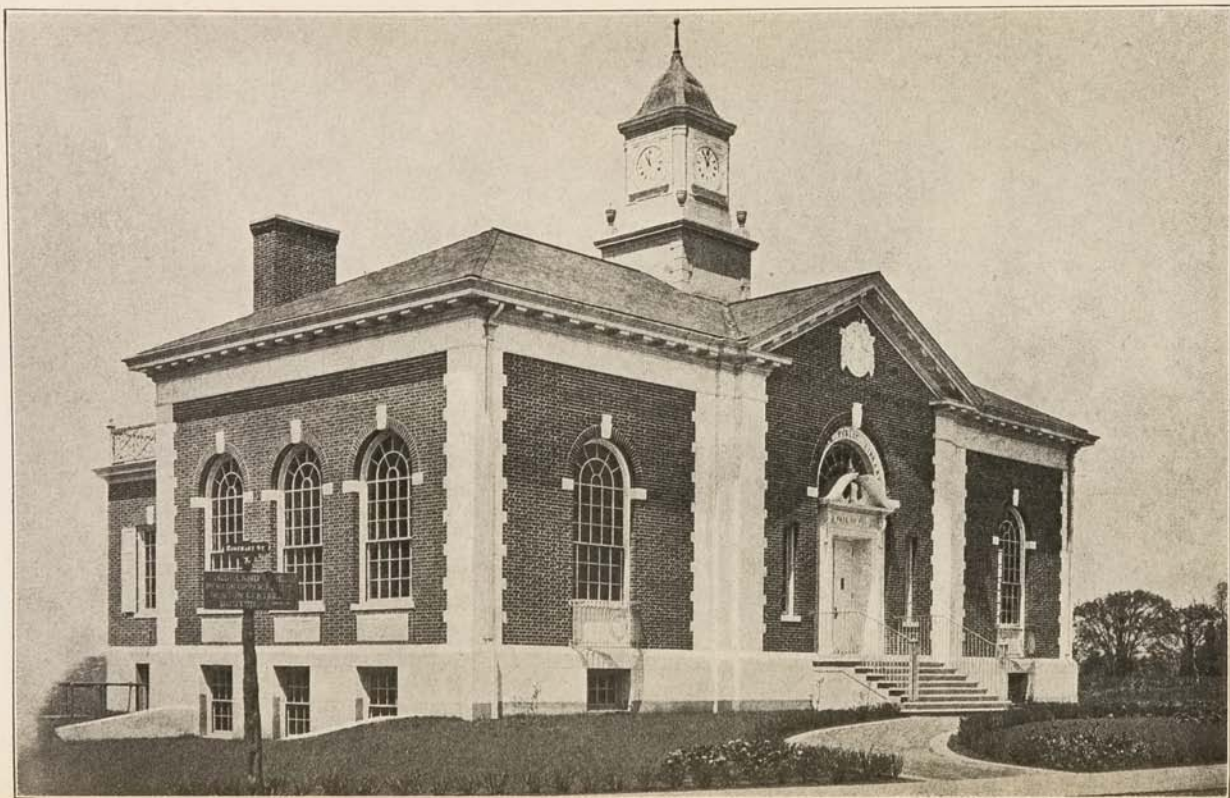
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HILLER C. WELLMAN, SPRINGFIELD	1919
Miss ANNA M. BANCROFT, HOPEDALE	1921

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JOHN A. LOWE, *Agent*.

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Miss E. L. JONES, *General Secretary and Library Adviser*.

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The office of the chairman is in the State Library.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 347 of the Acts of the year 1890, under which the Free Public Library Commission was created, it herewith presents its twenty-seventh report, covering the fiscal year Dec. 1, 1915, to Nov. 30, 1916.

THE COMMISSION

On May 31, 1916, Miss Anna M. Bancroft of Hopedale was reappointed as a member of the Commission for the term of five years by Governor McCall.

LIBRARIES AIDED

The Commission has supplied collections of books to the following libraries:—

Alford	Cheshire
Ashby	Chester
Barnstable (Marstons Mills)	Chesterfield
Becket	Chilmark
Belchertown	Clarksburg
Bellingham	Colrain
Berkley	Cummington
Berlin	Dana
Blandford	North Dana
Bolton	Dunstable
Boxborough	East Longmeadow
Boylston	Eastham
Brewster	Enfield
Brimfield	Erving
Burlington	Florida
Carlisle	Freetown (East)
Charlemont	Gay Head

Georgetown	Pelham
Gill	Peru
Goshen	Phillipston
Gosnold	Plainfield
Granby	Plymouth
Granville	Plympton
Greenwich	Prescott
Halifax	Raynham
Hampden	Richmond
Hancock	Rochester
Harwich	Rowe
Hawley	Rutland
Heath	Sandisfield
Huntington	Savoy
Lanesborough	Sheffield
Leverett	Shutesbury
Leyden	Southampton
Mashpee	Southwick
Mendon	Sturbridge
Middlefield	Sunderland
Monroe Bridge	Tolland
Monterey	Truro
Montgomery	Tyngsborough
New Ashford	Tyringham
New Braintree	Wales
New Marlborough	Wellfleet
Clayton Branch	Wendell
Hartsville Branch	West Boylston
Mill River Branch	West Brookfield
Southfield Branch	West Tisbury
New Salem	Westhampton
North Reading	Whately
Oakham	Windsor (East Windsor Branch)
Otis	Windsor Bush Branch
Paxton	Worthington — 104

In addition to the above, dictionaries and reference books have been sent to many libraries for work with the schools; books on Mexico to 60 towns; nature books to 49 towns; "A Brief History of the Constitution and Government of Massachusetts," by the Hon. Louis A. Frothingham, to 290 towns; books on Shakespeare, with a leaflet of suggestions for the Shakespeare tercentenary, to 75 libraries and the leaflet to 47 additional libraries; a book on nursing to 94 libraries; a European war atlas to 15 libraries; 3 Audubon bird charts

to 40 libraries; and yearly subscriptions to several magazines to 78 libraries.

Supplies for recataloguing have been sent to the following libraries: —

Ashburnham	Leverett
Brimfield	Pelham
Foxborough	Pembroke
Georgetown	Shutesbury
Hadley	Tyringham
Harwich	Westminster
Lanesborough	Wrentham — 14

Mending kits have been sent to the following libraries: —

Dalton	Leverett
Foxborough	Pelham
Hadley	Shutesbury
Harwich	Tyringham
West Harwich	Westminster
Lanesborough	Wrentham — 12

A dictionary stand has been given to Hampden, and a card catalogue case to Worthington.

OFFICE ACTIVITIES

During the year the Board has issued a leaflet of suggestions for celebrating the Shakespeare tercentenary, many multi-graphed lists and an outline for instruction in schools on the use of the library.

Circular letters were sent to 24 papers, inclosing library news published in our report relating to the county in which the paper was issued. A general Massachusetts library news-letter was sent to 25 papers. A circular letter sent to 21 libraries called attention to the Hampshire County Conference at Northampton, at which the Commission had a part in the program, and a similar letter to the trustees of the Cape libraries announced the Barnstable County Conference on Community Planning held at Hyannis, at which the Commission was represented by a program of special interest to trustees. A letter was sent to 94 trustees inclosing a program of the meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club held in Boston in January.

A circular of suggestions for Good Book Week, to begin December 4, was sent to 240 libraries.

The routine work of the office has increased steadily. During the year 6,109 letters have been sent in addition to a large number of pamphlets and booklists. The response to requests for information on library administration, book selection, bibliographies and statistics is a most important and time-consuming work of the office. Personal calls from trustees, librarians and applicants for library positions for advice on library problems constitute a large part of the office duties. Numerous calls have been made for library workers, and recommendations made have led to 44 appointments. The Commission has been of practical assistance to trustees in search of assistants and to library workers desiring positions. During the year an endeavor has been made to increase materially the collection of library plans and photographs of library buildings. This collection has been consulted frequently, and plans have been loaned to trustees contemplating a new building.

FIELD WORK OF THE COMMISSION

The activities in the field have been constant and varied. Mr. Lowe, the agent, has continued to visit libraries, to meet with trustees for consultation on ways and means of possible improvement, to consult with librarians, urging more vitalized service, to hold meetings with superintendents of schools and teachers, emphasizing the value of the library and the opportunity it offers in the development of children. He has spoken at meetings of the grange, of women's clubs, civic clubs and village improvement associations, at normal schools and general gatherings of men and women with the hope of stimulating interest in the usefulness and resources of the local library. The "Notes of Library Progress" (Appendix I) reveal in some detail the activities of the libraries of the Commonwealth.

Through advice, even to making surveys and reports or suggested programs, the Commission is undertaking to be of service to libraries in cities and towns larger than those specifically named in the law for direct aid. In such municipalities where equipment and funds are available, interest can be often stimulated to produce more satisfactory results than in small towns

where neither building, books nor funds are at hand. As an example of this type of activity a disinterested citizen said: "In our town we feel that the library has been transformed from a one person library to an entire community affair, and this, we consider, is the result of the work of the Commission." What had happened? The librarian, incapacitated by ill-health, was given a leave of absence. In her place an experienced library worker was secured. The Commission made a survey of conditions, conferred with the trustees and made suggestions which were carefully considered and followed. A Commission worker recatalogued the book collection and supervised the reorganization of the entire administration. One of the trustees provided for many changes in the building, to make it still more attractive and useful to the new work planned for it. The stack room was reconstructed so that open shelves make the books available to all users. The reading room was redecorated and refurnished to invite a consultation of books and magazines. A children's room was created out of a room very little used. The librarian devoted her enthusiasm and tireless energy to interesting the public in good reading. Clubs for boys and girls, story hours, receptions for teachers and other groups of citizens, instruction on the use of the library to children and adults, deposits of books in the schools and remote districts of the town, innumerable lists of books on timely subjects, etc., are some of the activities, new to this community, which have become part of the everyday work of the library. A complete transformation has been accomplished.

Trustees and building committees are coming more and more to confer with the Commission regarding the erection of new buildings. It is the desire to point out to prospective builders the features of buildings actually in use which have proven satisfactory and to warn them against waste and blunders, considering the problem from the point of view of the administration and use of a modern active library. The agent has been called to attend meetings of trustees and committees and to speak at public gatherings concerning the expansion of present buildings, sites, styles of architecture, the choice of an architect, and to try and suggest some way out of difficulties arising from lack of harmony between various factions. The Commis-

sion endeavors to make suggestions to the end that the best interests of the local library shall be served in the building erected not only for the present but for the future. At least one new building erected last summer has given eminent satisfaction. The donor, the architect, trustees and Commission worked together co-operatively. Formerly the books were kept in a room practically 8 feet square in a barnlike building serving for grange hall and town hall. A small stove was squeezed into one corner in dangerous proximity to the wall, and the books filled the rest of the space to overflowing. During the summer the Commission assisted in the classification and cataloging of the collection, and at the time of dedication, in moving the books to the new building. Here low shelves around the room, a cozy fireplace with a real fire and comfortable settles, wide window seats, inviting chairs and tables allure the readers to a love of books never possible in the "closet in the hall." The building possesses architectural charm, is an integral part of a New England rural landscape, and is adapted admirably to the needs of a library.

During the past summer the Commission sent an exhibit to some of the county agricultural fairs. The agent was in charge of a booth in which were shown agricultural books, books for children, for foreigners and for schools. Posters and pictures illustrating the activities of the libraries of the Commonwealth added to the attractiveness of the exhibits. By this means opportunity was found to distribute various reading lists and printed matter, to introduce new patrons, native and foreign, to libraries through the means of borrowers' cards, and to talk with interested persons about books and the home library.

Mr. Lowe has spoken at 18 Massachusetts meetings in the interest of libraries during the last twelve months and has made 116 library visits. Miss Jones has visited 26 libraries, and Miss O'Herron, the representative of the Commission in the western part of the State, has visited 8 libraries. The towns visited may be found in Appendix IV. Miss Jones also attended the neighborhood group meetings at Newton, Sudbury and Wayland, addressed the Southern Worcester Library Club at Whitinsville, the Simmons College students and the Summer Conference of Librarians held at Simmons College.

Libraries in the 5 following towns have been classified and catalogued, and a new charging system installed under the direction of a worker sent by the Commission:—

	Volumes
Harwich	4,500
Lanesborough	1,750
Leverett	2,129
Pelham	1,111
Shutesbury	1,200

At Ashburnham the Commission paid part of the expense of recataloguing the library books and one of the trustees contributed the balance; at Foxborough, Wrentham and South Natick the recataloguing was done under the supervision of the Commission, all expenses being met by the towns; the Commission contributed part of the expense of recataloguing at Georgetown and at Westminster and the towns paid for the completion of the work; at Tyringham the catalogue was revised, a new charging system installed; at Hadley the Commission reclassified the library and installed a new charging system.

Three Simmons College students gave three weeks' practice work during the summer and thus greatly assisted the work of recataloguing. The usual number of volunteers willingly gave of their time, and the reorganization of these libraries has awakened new interest throughout the towns. Trustees and librarians are planning to develop activities impossible under the old systems of administration.

WORK WITH THE SCHOOLS

Much interest has been shown throughout the Commonwealth on the part of trustees and librarians in the work with the schools, and there is a general enthusiasm to bring to the child a keener sense of his opportunity in the library and his responsibility to it. The work conducted in most libraries includes practical talks given by the librarian on the book and its making, and on the library and its arrangement, followed by visits of the classes, in groups, accompanied by the teacher, to the library for further instruction in the classification and the use of reference books, with actual practice in problems and

questions which send each pupil to the catalogue, shelves and reference books in search of answers. The Commission has endeavored to assist in such instruction in the small libraries, when the librarian has had no experience for this work, by sending a trained worker to give instruction in a simple form.

Miss Frances S. Wiggin has continued her work in Essex County, devoting part of her time to work in Beverly and the remainder to school work in Wenham, Rowley and Middleton. She has also given talks at library meetings, conferred with Boards of Trustees in regard to methods in starting similar work, and given instruction in the schools at Grafton and Westminster.

With the co-operation of the Western Massachusetts Library Club, Miss Edith M. Pratt of Greenfield has given talks on the use of the library to the pupils of Northfield, Amherst, Palmer, Dalton, Lee, Tyringham and Framingham, showing them, in groups, the resources of the library.

The Commission is fortunate in receiving from Miss Susan C. Crampton, former reference librarian of the Public Library, Tacoma, Wash., the offer of her services for such work. At Southbridge and Littleton Miss Crampton conducted several classes most successfully.

INSTRUCTION OF LIBRARIANS

The Commission paid for the tuition of Miss Maude Le Doux, assistant, Athol Public Library, Miss Laura Monnier, assistant, Attleboro Public Library, Miss Ruth I. Pead, assistant, North Adams Public Library, and Miss Margery Burnett, assistant, Leicester Public Library, at the 1916 summer library school of Simmons College.

Demonstrations or instruction in bookmending have been given in the following libraries:—

Ashland	Natick (South)
Foxborough	Sharon
Kingston	Watertown
Lexington	Wrentham — 8

This year the Commission planned a summer conference in connection with the summer session of the Simmons College Library School, where a three days' program was held especially

for the librarians of the smaller libraries. Aid was extended to librarians in towns of less than \$1,000,000 valuation by the offer to pay the expenses of those librarians who otherwise could not have attended the conference. Rooms were provided at the college dormitories. There were 113 trustees, librarians and assistants in attendance. The program was primarily to bring before the conference ways and means of stimulating the service rendered by librarians to a broader, more intelligent influence. The various phases of library routine were discussed from this viewpoint. The opportunity in well-conducted reference work and the books available occupied three lectures by Miss Susan C. Crampton, former reference librarian of the Public Library, Tacoma, Wash. Miss E. Louise Jones of the Commission urged efficiency in administration through simple methods. From her experiences with work under the Commission, Miss Frances S. Wiggin presented a program for vitalizing school work by giving instruction to all pupils of certain grades in the use of the card catalogue, reference books and periodical indexes. Miss Florence E. Wheeler, librarian of the Leominster Public Library, illustrated the value of publicity through the newspaper, window exhibits, signs, receptions and exhibitions in the library. Miss J. Maud Campbell of the Commission showed ways and means of interesting the alien and aiding him to select whatever in American ways of living may be of value to him and to preserve the best of the traditions he brings with him. Miss Ida F. Farrar of the Springfield Public Library discussed the best recent books for the small library.

Attention was also directed to existing institutions which render aid to library workers. John A. Lowe of the Commission showed ways in which the Library Commission can help to make the small library more efficient. Mr. Charles R. Green, librarian of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, discussed the practical use in the small library of the publications of the college. The chairman, Mr. Belden, explained the nature and function of the State Library and the aid it may render to libraries, and pointed out the important Massachusetts documents which are of special interest and value to small libraries.

Miss Mary E. Ahern, editor of "Public Libraries," honored the conference with her presence, and gave an inspiring address on the "Floodtide of librarianship."

An exhibit of charts, photographs and samples showed to the conference in concrete form some of the experiments which had proven helpful to other librarians. Lists and material for distribution were carried home in large quantities for a more careful reading.

Demonstration visits were made to the Brookline Public Library, especially for work with children, and to the North End Branch of the Boston Public Library for work with aliens.

Librarians and trustees were enabled by this meeting to get a new viewpoint of their own individual work, learning much from discussing problems with others, and gaining a new understanding of what the Commission and other institutions are doing and wish to accomplish for the small libraries of the Commonwealth.

The following quotations from unsolicited letters of appreciation from librarians indicate that the conference accomplished its aim in giving to them suggestions which could be carried out to make their libraries of more real value to the community:—

“The lectures were very interesting and helpful to me and many things were made clear that were like Greek before.”

“I want to say how much good the whole conference has done me in many ways and to thank all the Commission workers for their help and generosity. I can so much better try to put the helpful suggestions to use and follow the advice of the experienced and practical speakers we listened to. If you could have heard, as I did, the appreciative remarks from my fellow librarians, you would feel it a good big partial payment for the labor and expense which the conference cost.”

“Surely we must all have gained inspiration from every single speaker and for myself I thank you all heartily.”

“Each speaker gave me something new that I think will be possible to put into practice in our library.”

“I want to tell you how much I enjoyed the conference and what an inspiration it has been to me; already I have made improvements in my work and am bringing my library and its good books before the people of the town by methods gleaned from the lectures. I never realized before that I should advertise my library, and I feel I know so much more the value of the public documents sent me. I am afraid I was too ready to consign them to the waste-paper basket. I hope the time will come when we can all meet again for more instruction.”

The usefulness of the conference was so great that it attracted national attention. The following is quoted from an

editorial in the October, 1916, issue of "Public Libraries" published in Chicago:—

A GOOD MEETING

One of the most inspiring meetings of the multitude of such occasions held through the country was that held at Boston the last week of July, under the auspices of the Free Public Library Commission of Massachusetts.

To one who had not seen the workings of the new Library Commission of Massachusetts the occasion was something of a surprise. There was a disposition of helpful interest, a personal pleasure and friendly attitude, which, somehow, one had not thought of in connection with library machinery.

A wonderful bit of help was given to the librarians of the small libraries in bringing them to Boston to this meeting, and the cordial and continued interest in them which was shown throughout the week must have stirred their hearts, both personally and professionally.

The program presented was of the highest order, really beyond the average, and the manner of presenting it was truly a delight. The address of the agent of the Commission, on "Ways in which the library commission can help to make small libraries more efficient," seemed like an irresistible invitation for each perplexed librarian to lay whatever problems she might have in the ready hands of the Commission workers.

While there was an absence of the "breeze" (?) which sometimes attends, say a Wisconsin meeting, in that company of librarians it was not missed, and indeed would hardly have been in place. A fine courtesy enveloped everything that was done. The intention was to help the library, librarians and the Commission to find their true relation to each other, to the community, and to the individual self. The manner in which the idea was carried out was most delightful, and the libraries of Massachusetts are to be congratulated on the State organization which contains such workers as Mr. Lowe, Miss Campbell, Miss Jones and others, with Mr. Belden at the head of the organization.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS

Following is a list of libraries whose new buildings have been completed during the year. Details may be found under the town in Appendix I.

Beverly Farms	Town appropriation.
Deerfield (South)	Gift of Chauncy B. Tilton.
Lanesborough	Gift of Mrs. Maria H. Newton.
Leverett	Gift of Mrs. Judson Field.
Millbury	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Needham	Gift of Andrew Carnegie, William Carter and town appropriation.
West Springfield	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.

Total, 7.

The following libraries have new buildings under construction: —

Athol	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Berkley	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Lynn (Houghton Branch)	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Medfield	Gift of Granville F. Dailey.
Reading	Gift of Andrew Carnegie and town appropriation.
Swampscott	Town appropriation.
Total, 6.	

The following is a list of prospective library buildings: —

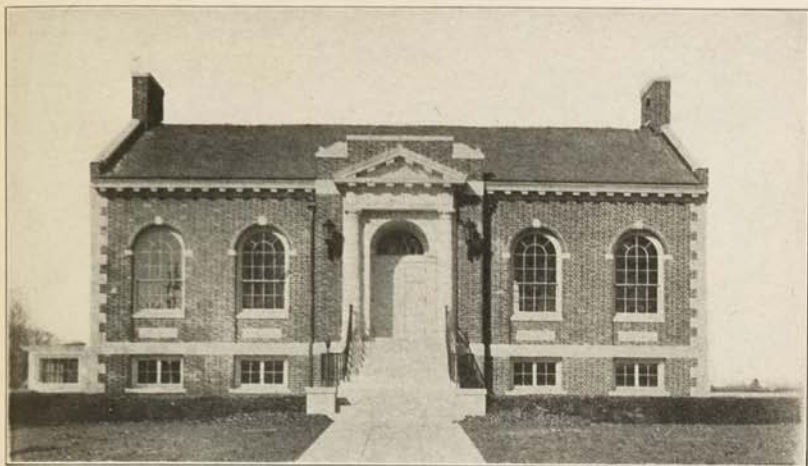
Amherst	Gift of Mrs. Parnell Munson.
Barnstable (Hyannis)	Gift of Edward L. Eagleston.
Granby	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Groveland	Gift of John G. B. Adams.
Lynn (Wyoma Branch)	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Saugus	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Somerville (East)	Gift of Andrew Carnegie.
Wareham	Gift of Mrs. Blanche W. Tobey.
Westfield	Gift of Milton B. Whitney.
Total, 9.	

ADVISORY VISITORS

The Commission wishes to acknowledge its appreciation of the interest of Mrs. L. Carteret Fenno, who has made it possible to develop the school work in connection with the library at Rowley, and regrets the necessity of her resignation. Mrs. Knight Dexter Cheney of Rowley has consented to serve as advisory visitor in her place, and Miss Susan C. Crampton has also been added to the Board of Advisory Visitors.

WOMAN'S EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

To the Woman's Education Association the Commission extends its appreciation of its excellent work in the circulation of the traveling libraries in the smaller towns and outlying villages of the State. During the year 85 regular libraries, 26 special and 4 Audubon libraries, a total of 115, containing 4,228 books, have been in circulation, making 141 visits to 119 towns and villages. (See Appendix IV.)



Public Library, South Deerfield. — Cost, \$15,000. Capacity, 10,000 volumes. Population, 2,743. Gift of C. B. Tilton, 1916.



Bradford M. Field Memorial Library, Leverett. — Cost, \$3,500. Capacity, 2,500 volumes. Population, 763. Gift of Mrs. Judson Field, 1916.

The association now has 12 libraries for foreigners: 4 Polish, 2 Italian, 3 French, 1 German and 2 Swedish, and a Lithuanian library will soon be added. Twenty-six sets of pictures have been in circulation during the year. The booklists prepared by the association have been mailed to all the libraries of the State and have been of great assistance in the small towns for which they are especially intended.

THE LIBRARY ART CLUB

The Library Art Club, organized in 1898, of which Miss Alice G. Chandler, advisory visitor of the Commission, is president, and the chairman of the Commission, a vice-president, should be widely known among the libraries of the State. Its purpose is to circulate pictures for exhibition for educational purposes. Membership is obtained by an entrance fee of \$5 and a yearly payment of \$6, that is, a first payment of \$11 and \$6 a year thereafter. For this sum twelve or more sets of pictures are provided yearly, remaining three weeks, less the time required for travel. Express on delivery is paid by every member. Included in these sets are 5,131 pictures. In addition to the above collections in active circulation, those which have been the rounds of the club are kept on call, members to have them as extra sets, independently of any new ones they may have at the time, with permission to lend them outside the library to branches, schools, women's clubs, or anywhere in the city or town where they will be of use. Transportation both ways must be paid on these sets now numbering 140 and containing 8,906 pictures. Membership in the club is limited to the New England States, and can be taken by any public library, reading club, art club, village improvement society, or similar organization providing satisfactory evidence of its responsibility.

Through the Commission's membership in the club the smaller libraries of the Commonwealth may borrow pictures, and it is hoped that more libraries will avail themselves of this opportunity.

LOCAL SECRETARIES

Continued interest has been shown in the activities of the local groups during the year. The Newton and Milton groups hold monthly meetings during the winter months. At Milton

problems of administration, book selection, etc., are informally discussed. At Newton a program committee arranged the outline for the year's meetings. The programs for the meetings held in Newton, Natick, Boston, Sudbury, Wellesley, Needham and Wayland were as follows:—

In December Mr. John G. Moulton of Haverhill gave an informal talk on bookbinding. In January the meeting was on school work; Miss Frances S. Wiggin gave an account of her work in Essex County, and representatives from the several libraries present told of the school work in their home towns. In February Miss Campbell gave a talk on foreign work. The March meeting was held at the Children's Museum, where the activities of the museum were explained to the group. The subject for consideration in April was library advertising; each librarian contributed helpful suggestions from her experience. Trustees were especially invited to the May meeting where Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge, Jr., gave an inspiring talk on "The trustee and the library." The June meeting was held in the new building at Needham and the subject was "The movies." Mrs. G. O. Jenkins of the education department of the Massachusetts State Federation of Women's Clubs and Mr. Paul Foster of the Community Motion Bureau contributed much of interest, after which Mr. Fisher, manager of the Newton Opera House, Miss Mildred Frost, school librarian of Newton, and Miss Elizabeth L. Horsfall, children's librarian at Newton, told of the experience of the Newton co-operation of library and moving-picture management. The first fall meeting was held in October, when the subject of cataloguing was most interestingly discussed under Mr. Dougherty's leadership.

The Malden group has met at Medford and Malden during the year, and matters of library administration have been discussed. Much interest was shown in the meetings, and open and free discussions were held. The secretary, Mr. Fison, has conferred with librarians and assistants and filled many requests from libraries in the group.

The Woburn group has held one meeting during the year, and the secretary, Mr. Evans, has visited libraries in the group. The Ashland group held a meeting in September in Ashland where school work was discussed. Most of the libraries in the Green-

field group have consulted with Miss Ashley, and books have been loaned by her to several libraries. The Brockton group has held two meetings, and librarians have frequently called on Mr. Whitmore for information and books.

The Attleboro group met in March at the Attleboro Library. Twenty trustees and librarians were present and 6 out of 8 libraries were represented. A talk on "Library advertising" was given by Miss Florence E. Wheeler of Leominster, illustrated by specimens used in advertising her library. An exhibit was arranged upstairs, including samples of binding and of forms used in the library. Many of the best pamphlets on library economy were placed for inspection; posters used in the children's and reading rooms were exhibited, as well as samples from the picture collection. Various reading lists and short bibliographies were distributed.

In December a meeting of the Haverhill group was held at which there were present 45 librarians and trustees from the libraries in the Merrimac valley. Mr. Lowe of the Commission gave a talk on advertising as he had found it among Massachusetts and other libraries, illustrated by photographs and printed matter. Mr. Moulton, the secretary, told how the neighboring libraries could co-operate in extending their usefulness. He also explained the methods of bookbinding of the Haverhill Library, emphasizing desirable features which might interest other libraries. A demonstration of bookmending was given by the members of the library staff. The annual exhibition of children's books suitable for Christmas gifts was in progress, and a collection of children's books published during the last year and loaned by the leading publishers was exhibited. An exhibition of mounted pictures was also shown and their use in the schools explained, especially with history and literature classes. A special point was made of the fact that these pictures, as well as books, would be loaned by the Haverhill Library to other libraries. Mr. Moulton has visited and loaned books to libraries in his group.

The Somerville group has held meetings at Lexington, Winthrop, Somerville and Arlington. Miss Ruby Tillinghast gave a practical demonstration in book repairing at the Lexington meeting. This was held on the lawn, followed by a social hour.

At the Arlington meeting in November, Miss Mahony of the Woman's Education Association Bookshop gave a talk on children's books and the Bookshop; there was also an exhibition of books for children as suggestive of Good Book Week.

Miss Temple, the secretary of the North Adams group, has visited several of the libraries in her group, and one of her assistants has helped with the school work at Williamstown. Books have been loaned to libraries in the group.

Mr. Joseph L. Harrison, local secretary of the Northampton group, has on request extended the privileges of the Forbes Library to the small libraries of Hampshire County. Miss May Ashley, local secretary of the Greenfield group, with the aid of the Commission and its friends, issues books through the Greenfield Library to libraries in Charlemont, Hawley, Deerfield and Turners Falls, and will on request send collections to other small libraries in Franklin County.

The Library Commission will be glad to suggest programs and obtain or send speakers, when possible, for local club or group meetings. The names of the local secretaries and library groups may be found in Appendix V of the 1916 report. Again the committee on co-operation urges each local secretary to send a report of its meetings and other activities to the chairman, Mr. Belden.

WORK WITH FOREIGNERS

In working with the foreign-born the unexpected usually happens. Just at the time when every one was questioning the loyalty of the foreign-born to the country of their adoption, the reports from the libraries in Massachusetts showed that in matters of public interest, in a real appreciation of the historical ideals of this country, and in an eagerness to take advantage of the opportunities offered to them, the foreign-born stand second to none. While the native population was spending hours reading and listening to discussions of party politics, the foreign-born were asking for an explanation of the entire Constitution and the history of America.

One hundred and eighty-six libraries in Massachusetts report definite work with their foreign-born population. Several librarians write that the people who came to the libraries to get books in their own language originally are now asking for books

in simple English, and are greatly interested in books about this country and its history. In a quiet, intelligent way many libraries of the Commonwealth are showing the foreign-born why they have reason to love this country, and, by helping them to fulfill their ambition for a better education and to secure greater opportunities for themselves and their families, are doing more to arouse their sense of patriotism than any compulsory legislation or volumes of propaganda. Many instances prove that through this work both trustees and librarians have become more interested in their foreign-speaking residents, and are showing an appreciation of their good qualities which must be productive of a better mutual understanding. The following statement from a librarian in regard to a Polish lecture held in her library is typical: —

I have never seen such an interested audience. I myself was interested even though I did not understand a word of what was said. Two of the night school teachers who were present said the same thing. One or two of the Polish people who speak our language fairly well said they would like to hear Mr. G. every other week.

The librarian of a small town on the Cape writes: —

The books for the Finnish people arrived and have gladdened their hearts once again. I can send you only thanks for the kindness, which is poor pay, but to be remembered in a community of English reading and speaking people means much to them.

The gratitude from the foreign-speaking people themselves for the little assistance given them is almost embarrassing: —

I want you to believe both myself personally and our Polish people deeply appreciate the efforts and work done for them through your influence; I know the good is lasting. Assuring you we shall always be pleased when permissible by you to have other occasions when we can have the services of those interested in the uplift of our Polish people.

In order to assist the libraries to carry on this work, the Commission has lent 82 new traveling libraries to 45 towns in 13 languages, as follows: —

Armenian

Stoneham (two) — 2

Finnish

Abington (North)	Townsend
Gardner	Wareham
Gloucester	Wellfleet (two) — 7

French

Amesbury	Gardner
Ashfield	Northbridge
Brookfield (East) (two)	Orleans (two)
Douglas (East)	Palmer (Three Rivers)
Framingham	Revere — 12

German

Ashfield (two)	Lenox
Belchertown	Revere — 5

Greek

Athol	Southbridge
Douglas (East)	Wellesley — 5
Gloucester	

Italian

Cheshire	Monson
Concord	Monterey
Douglas (East)	New Marlborough
Dover	Palmer (Three Rivers)
Framingham	Revere
Gloucester	Wakefield (three)
Holliston	Wareham
Lee	Watertown — 19
Lexington	

Lithuanian

Abington (North)	Lancaster — 3
Gardner	

Polish

Abington (North)	Palmer (Three Rivers)
Acushnet	Pepperell
Adams	Russell (Glen Mills)
Gardner (two)	Shutesbury
Groton	Uxbridge
Lynn	Wakefield — 14
Monterey	

Portuguese

Attleboro	Lexington
Falmouth	Rochester — 5
Gloucester	

Russian

Greenfield	Lenox — 2
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Spanish

Attleboro	Lenox — 2
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Swedish

Framingham	Lenox (two) — 4
Gardner	

Yiddish

Gloucester	Holliston — 2
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In addition to these, 46 of the traveling libraries lent last year are still being used, making a total of 128 libraries now in circulation.

The Commission still has difficulty in securing books owing to the war, but with the exception of Arabic books for the Syrians every request for help has in a measure been met. When the branch library in Gardner was destroyed by fire, almost the entire foreign-book collection of the town was lost. On application of the library trustees, the Commission immediately lent books in four languages. If this assistance had not been rendered, their best foreign readers might have been entirely cut off from the library.

The Commission is again indebted to the Old South Association, which generously appropriated \$700 for lectures in foreign languages in order to acquaint the people with conditions and opportunities in this country. There has been no difficulty in getting an interested, eager audience, asking intelligent questions and following the advice given them in a most surprising way. That the interest is not transitory is shown by the action of a Polish colony in the western part of the State. Following advice given in May to learn the English language, the colony through their own endeavor secured volunteer teachers to start English classes the following October, — classes which the local educational bodies were not in a position to undertake or main-

tain. The Commission was able to co-operate with the women's department of the National Civic Federation and the Daughters of the American Revolution in giving some of these lectures, and was most fortunate in securing able speakers whose services assured the success of the meetings for the Poles, Greeks, Portuguese, Lithuanians and Swedes. Twenty-five lectures were given as follows: —

Greek

Brockton	Springfield
Lowell	Worcester — 4

Lithuanian

Norwood — 1

Polish

Adams	Lynn
Brockton	Montague
Fall River	Turners Falls
Gardner	New Bedford
Great Barrington (Housatonic)	Pittsfield (two)
(two)	Springfield
Greenfield	Sunderland
Lawrence	Ware — 18
Ludlow	

Portuguese

New Bedford — 1

Swedish

Attleboro — 1

This is a most important field of work and with so many libraries equipped with good auditoriums and already working with their foreign colonies, the Commission hopes to be able to carry on and expand this work.

At the invitation of the American Library Association, the director spoke at the annual meeting of the association held in June at Asbury Park, N. J., on "Americanizing books and periodicals for immigrants." During the year she also spoke at the following places: —

Ashland: Women's Club.

Berlin: Women's Club.

Boston: Annual meeting of the Daughters of the Revolution.

Boston: Simmons College Library School.
Boston: Association of Patriotic Instructors.
Concord: Civics department, Women's Club.
Gloucester: Local group of libraries.
Maynard: Grange meeting.
Natick: Local group of libraries.
Providence, R. I.: Immigrant Educational Conference.
South Boston: Women's Alliance. — 11

The following towns were visited by the director to further the work with foreigners: —

Beverly (Farms)	Lawrence
Cambridge (three)	Lynn
Chelsea	Malden
Clinton	Marblehead
Fitchburg	Rockland
Gloucester	Salem
Holliston (three)	Sudbury (two) — 19

Miss Campbell has attended several meetings of the Americanization Conference, held under the auspices of the Women's Municipal League, the Woman's Education Association, members of the State Board of Education, and other societies in reference to the education of foreign-speaking people.

Perhaps one of the most useful things the Commission could do for libraries, already interested in their foreign people, would be in preparing and printing lists of recommended books for purchase in the different languages. This has been done to a limited extent in response to specific requests from libraries in the Commonwealth, but with no funds from which to draw for printing it has been impossible to give the service required. The American Library Association has met the expense of printing a list of desirable Russian books prepared under the direction of the Commission. The Russian titles were transliterated and notes on both the author and the book were given in English. As librarians are handicapped by the difference in the printed alphabets, there is particular need for similar lists in modern Greek, Armenian and Arabic. Funds are likewise needed for the printing of notices, advertising material and short booklists in all foreign languages.

RECOMMENDATIONS

In March, 1913, the Library Commission transmitted a letter to the Governor in reference to library work with foreigners and recommended the employment of a director of work with aliens, who could "study the problems, select the books, co-operate with existing associations, visit the local foreign societies in different towns, and interest the librarians, trustees, teachers and others in the furtherance of their activities with the foreign population;" also, that provision should "be made for occasional assistance from competent representatives of the non-English speaking races in different localities for lectures, addresses, etc., and for other incidental expenses." It was pointed out that libraries were recognized as wholly nonpolitical and nonsectarian and therefore had a special opportunity to welcome newcomers to this country and interest them in all that pertains to good citizenship.

On March 27, 1913, the Governor, in a communication to the General Court transmitting the recommendations of the Commission, said: —

It appears to be of the utmost importance that we should take steps toward the education of our immigrant population in order that they may understand the ideals and conditions of American life. The assimilation of our foreign population cannot proceed effectively unless they are brought into sympathy with, and given an understanding of, the aims and purposes of our democracy.

There have been many illustrations of the dangers which confront us through an increasing alien population that is out of harmony with our society and that follows blindly the lead of ignorant and vicious agitators. For the protection of society, and particularly for the protection of our laboring population, including the foreigners themselves, we must not omit any reasonable measure for the proper education and training of the foreigner who makes his home in Massachusetts.

I need not dwell upon the obvious gravity of the situation, nor do I consider the present measure in itself sufficient to meet all the requirements of the situation; but I earnestly request of the Legislature that it accord to the Free Public Library Commission the very moderate extension which it now seeks.

This message was received late in the session, and, although the importance of the work was appreciated, the Legislature

provided only for the appointment of a director of educational work for aliens and made no provision for other expenses. The department was considered an experiment, but it was understood that later, if warranted, adequate provision would be made for its maintenance. The experiment has proved even more successful than anticipated. Miss J. M. Campbell, the director, brought to the work long and varied experience in similar efforts elsewhere, — efforts that resulted in her appointment by the Governor as a member of the New Jersey Immigration Commission in 1906. The Commission has also had the active and unpaid service of many leaders of the nationalities whose members it sought to benefit. Without outside aid from interested individuals and organizations like the Woman's Education Association, the Old South Association, the Colonial Dames, the Golden Link Society, the Circolo Italiano, the Dante Alighieri Society, the Alliance Française, and even King Oscar of Sweden, but little progress could have been made, since the appropriations of the Commission were granted specifically for the benefit of libraries in small towns, especially for those with a valuation of less than \$1,000,000. Detailed accounts of the progress of work with aliens may be found in the annual reports of the Commission. Library work with the foreign-born has had marked success wherever earnestly undertaken in any of the several States, and Massachusetts has been found to be no exception. Demands are constantly being made by librarians, trustees, teachers and foreign leaders in the larger towns and in the cities, — demands necessary and reasonable for the welfare of the work, but which cannot be met by the Commission. This important educational work should be strengthened and developed, and adequate provision for its maintenance is now asked for by the Board of Free Public Library Commissioners.

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN,
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

DR. COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS IN ACCOUNT WITH FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY COMMISSION, 1915-16.

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1915 Dec. 1 to Nov. 30, 1916.	Books for stock and to be distributed to libraries	\$5,618 10		Amount drawn from appropriation of \$10,000 for aid to libraries	\$9,996 65
	Pamphlets for libraries, including A. L. A. and W. E. A. lists	556 35			
	Supplies for libraries	907 78			
	Binding	187 55			
	Services in aiding and cataloguing libraries	1,386 34			
	Traveling expenses	407 71			
	Express	149 53			
	Expenses of summer conference and librarians at Simmons summer school	418 66			
	Miscellaneous	364 63	\$9,996 65		
	Salaries and services	\$3,211 22		Amount drawn from appropriation of \$5,000 for expenses . .	4,999 73
	Traveling expenses	354 82			
	Supplies for Commission	915 43			
	Books and pamphlets for office use	21 76			
	Printing	245 17			
	Miscellaneous	251 33	4,999 73		
	Salary of director of educational work for aliens	2,000 00		Amount drawn from appropriation of \$2,000 for salary of director of educational work for aliens	2,000 00
	Salary of agent	2,500 00		Amount drawn from appropriation of \$2,500 for salary of agent	2,500 00
	Annual report	355 56		Amount drawn from appropriation of \$350 for printing and binding of annual report	350 00
				Transferred from "small items account"	5 56
	Total	\$19,851 94		Total	\$19,851 94

CHARLES F. D. BELDEN, *Chairman.*

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APPENDIX I

NOTES OF LIBRARY PROGRESS

Abington. North. The Old Colony Library Club was entertained here on June 22. The meeting was held at Island Grove, a place of historical interest, and was the largest gathering of club members since its formation. The librarian has given a talk at the high school before the class in civics on the use and opportunity of the library.

Acton. By the will of the late Luke Tuttle of this town, \$500 is bequeathed to the Acton Memorial Library.

Adams. The public library has received from the late Hiram Burr Crandall all his books and bookcases.

Amesbury. A portrait of James H. Davis, for many years secretary and librarian of the public library, has been donated by his son, Albert H. Davis of Detroit. By the will of Samuel T. Pickard the library receives \$500.

Amherst. Instruction in the use of the library has been given to about 150 pupils of the schools by Miss Edith M. Pratt of Greenfield, under the auspices of the Western Massachusetts Library Club. The Western Massachusetts Library Club met here in July. Work will begin on the new library building the first of the year. Miss Mary M. Robison has resigned as librarian and Miss Inez E. Chapman succeeds her.

Andover. The sum of \$200 has been received from Mrs. Catherine Middleton in memory of her husband, David Middleton, a former trustee. This is being expended for reference books. Any reasonable number of books are issued to all adults.

Arlington. Every Thursday during the summer the garden supervisor was at the library from 4 to 6 P.M. as in previous years. Garden problems of all kinds were talked over at this time. Preliminary steps have been taken to establish a

branch library and reading room in a schoolhouse at the eastern end of the town. A meeting of the local group of librarians was held in November.

Ashburnham. The library has been entirely recatalogued, reclassified and a new charging system installed under the supervision of the Commission. At the completion of the work the trustees arranged for an afternoon reception to the citizens of the town for the inspection of the books under the new arrangement. A social hour was enjoyed and refreshments served. A sale of cake, candy and vegetables in the summer netted \$109 for the library.

Ashby. The large case of curiosities and antiques, which formerly occupied the floor space in the easterly room, has been moved to the rear of the large bookcases in the main part of the library, and the room from which the case was taken has been made into an ideal children's room, furnished with two small round tables and chairs to match, the gift of Mrs. Mary Grace Lyman.

Ashfield. Books may be renewed by telephone. One person is allowed two books of fiction and a reasonable number of non-fiction. The reserve system has been introduced by which a book may be held two days. Four story hours have been held during the year. Thirty-three children have registered for the reading club. Perry pictures are given for each course of five books read. A "library game" has been started, to teach the children the use of the card catalogue and arrangement of books on the shelves.

Ashland. In observance of the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death the librarian gave a talk in the grammar and high schools on Shakespeare and told of her visit to Stratford. She also gave an address before the Clinton Historical Society on "Egypt" and a "Voyage on the Nile," illustrated by views from post cards thrown on the screen. A large low table, small chairs and new card cabinet have been provided for the children. The duplicate pay collection has been introduced with satisfactory results. A meeting of the local group of neighboring librarians was held in September.

Athol. The offer of a building from Mr. Carnegie has been accepted and plans are under way for its erection. W. H. and Henry McLean are the architects. The building will cost \$22,000. A room for library purposes has been provided in a new schoolhouse in South Athol. By the will of

Miss Emogene P. Fairbanks of Brookline the library receives \$500.

Attleboro. Library patrons may now borrow any reasonable number of works of non-fiction on a library card at one time, with the usual two books of fiction and with two unbound magazines. The public library has organized the library of the high school and equipped it with card catalogue, bulletin boards and magazines and has supplied a librarian. A new branch at Dodgeville has been organized, open every Monday evening from 7 to 9, with books for circulation and a reading room. A Christmas exhibit of books as gifts for boys and girls was held this year in the library foyer. The new system used by the Buffalo Public Library for its work with the schools has been installed in connection with the school deposits. A meeting of the librarians and trustees of the local group of libraries was held in Attleboro in March, with accompanying exhibit and a talk by Miss Florence E. Wheeler of the Leominster Public Library on "Library advertising." The story hour was recommenced and had a successful season with Mrs. Leonard I. Lamb to tell the stories. Advertising displays of material to be found at the public library have been placed in several of the store windows. Posters asking for souvenir post cards for the new picture collection have been placed in the railroad stations. Bulletins advertising some of the library's best accessions have been placed at the Y. M. C. A. and other public places. In June the library began a new registration and at the same time introduced a new type of library card and pockets for borrowers' cards in each book. A lecture on "Sweden's contribution to literature," by a lecturer supplied by the Commission, was held in Library Hall during the winter and an accompanying exhibit of Swedish books held in the library. A list of "Books of practical interest to teachers" was compiled and a copy mailed to each teacher in the city. Through the kindness of the drawing teacher, the library has the use of some of the posters done by the high school pupils. They will be placed from time to time on the new bulletin boards in the children's room.

Auburn. Five lectures have been given in the library. Talks have been given on the use of the library to the ninth grade school children. In August there was an exhibit of flowers;

posters were made advertising the exhibit and the library. A talk was given on "Old-fashioned flowers and gardens." A table of twenty-eight varieties of wild flowers was very attractive, and books on flowers and gardens were displayed.

Barnstable. *Centerville.* Two entertainments have been given for the benefit of the library, completing the \$100 fund which was to be earned this year in order to receive another \$100 which has been given by Mrs. Howard Marston.

Cotuit. Miss Clara Bragg has been obliged to resign as librarian on account of ill health. Miss Grace Dottridge succeeds her.

Hyannis. The Barnstable County Conference for Rural Workers was held here in June. Librarians and trustees from the Cape towns were present. The annual "book day" and social afternoon was held in August; about thirty books were received. Tea was served. A book of old photographs, principally of ponds and old houses, has been started. Much interest is manifest over the proposed plans of the new building.

Marstons Mills. The library committee gave a supper in February for the benefit of the library. A good sum, which was much needed for current expenses, was realized.

Osterville. The time for returning a book has been extended to out-of-town patrons. A dramatic entertainment netted \$75, moving pictures, \$21.30, a dance, \$26, a literary entertainment, \$11, a Christmas sale, \$50, and \$290 has been received as donations. New shelves have been added for children's books.

Barre. The sum of \$2,000 has been received from Miss Fannie Young, the income to be used for the purchase of books. Miss Young presented the gift to the library in memory of her mother, who was formerly a resident of Barre. This is to be known as the Caroline James Young fund. By the will of Addie D. Ames the Barre Library Association receives an old-fashioned clock brought from England by her grandfather, Dr. Ephraim Wilson. A branch library has been again started at South Barre after an interval of three years. A set of books upon agriculture and home economics was loaned from the Massachusetts Agricultural College Library, with the result that copies of nearly all the books have been purchased.

Bedford. By the will of Rev. James Sallaway the library receives \$150.

Belchertown. Electric lights have been installed. During the past year forty magazines have been subscribed for or donated. The children's books have been put together and the children given free access to them. The card catalogue has been revised. Books are sent to the schools.

Belmont. Miss Mary Sawyer has resigned as librarian and Miss Lucy D. Luard has been appointed her successor. Miss Luard is a graduate of Simmons College Library School and has taken the training for children's librarians at the Carnegie Library, Pittsburgh, where she was assistant in the reference department for three years. She was reference librarian at the Milton Public Library for five years and recently has been assisting in the recataloguing of the Massachusetts State Library. A new registration has been started, deposits have been placed in four schools, and the library is open all day on Wednesdays to co-operate with the schools. Vacation privileges are granted and books sent by parcel post on request.

Berkley. The new Carnegie building is in process of erection and will probably be ready for occupancy the first of the year.

Berlin. Miss M. Anna Tarbell of Brimfield gave a talk before the Tuesday Club on "The public library as a community center."

Beverly. The branch library at Beverly Farms has been completed. The building is of brick and terra cotta, with a capacity of 9,030 volumes. The total cost of the building, including heating, grading and furniture, was \$27,250. Between 5,000 and 6,000 books were moved from the old building to the new by the children of the eighth grade of the grammar school. The library was recatalogued before moving into the new building. This branch has been the recipient of a large number of volumes from Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes and a beautiful clock with carved frame from Mrs. Henry C. Weston. The work with the schools has been continued by Miss Frances S. Wiggin, and 660 children in the seventh and eighth grades were given instruction in the use of books and the catalogue. Miss Wiggin also conducted classes in literature and travel on alternate Tuesday evenings in the main library and a class of travel at the Farms branch. Illustrated bulletins of the new books have been put in a drug store on the main street. Picture and story books have been made

by the children's librarian for the younger children. To observe the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death, a reception was held at the library May 1, and a series of lectures on Shakespeare and his country given during the week to both children and adults. An exhibition of books and pictures relating to Shakespeare was also held. Mrs. Edward Holton James of Milton gave a most delightful reading of *Macbeth*. The Massachusetts Library Club met here in June. Miss Katharine P. Loring, a trustee of the Beverly Library, was chosen president of the club. Miss Loring entertained the club at afternoon tea at her home, after a visit to the Farms branch.

Boston. An addition to the central library building is under construction at a cost of \$300,000. The power and heating plant, printing and binding departments, the offices of the branch libraries, and stacks for approximately 450,000 volumes will be housed in this building. There have been received from 3,908 different givers 8,369 volumes besides photographs and lantern slides. In addition, an excellent portrait of Mr. Allen A. Brown, to whom the library is indebted for the important collections of musical and dramatic literature which bear his name, has been hung in the Brown Music Room, the gift of Samuel Carr, Augustus Hemenway, Susan Minns and Robert Gould Shaw. The main body of the important Allen A. Brown Music Catalogue having been completed in print, a supplementary volume has been well advanced during the year. A bequest to the library of \$2,000, under the will of Frank Clement of Newton, has been received. A final payment of \$7,508.94, besides securities valued at \$896 and \$1,869.77 from sale of books, was received during the year under the bequest of Francis Skinner; also securities valued at \$2,000 and \$511 in cash in settlement under bequest of Franklin P. Hyde. Special attention was given to the Shakespeare tercentenary by exhibition of appropriate literary material, the preparation for general circulation of a list of working editions of Shakespeare and of works relating to Shakespeare contained in the library, and by a course of Shakespearean lectures free to the public.

Bourne. Mrs. Shephard Brooks of Boston gave a very beautiful and rare old painting.

Boxford. West. A site has been offered by Edward E. Pearl provided a building can be erected.

Boylston. The library receives \$100 for purchase of standard works, by the will of Everett Kendall.

Brimfield. The appropriateness of the designation of the big fireplace in the reading room as the "village hearthstone" has had additional demonstrations the past year, while the purchase of folding chairs has made it possible to accommodate more easily a good number gathered to consider community betterment. The distinctive conferences have been those of the newly established home-making group of the Brimfield Council, which has held monthly meetings to consider such subjects as: "Children's reading;" "The physical development of children;" "School lunches;" "Rural district nursing;" "The larger housekeeping" (including such topics as responsibilities of women outside the home and the development of women's organizations); "Home-making at home and abroad;" "Some pioneer women in social service;" "The prison reforms of Thomas Mott Osborne;" and "Teaching children the use of money." At some of the meetings the subjects were presented by women outside the local group. The subject that received the most attention with the purpose of giving practical assistance was the organization of and providing a hot drink with the noon lunches of the children of the consolidated schools in the center of the town. This was indorsed later by the Brimfield Community Council, and the opinion expressed was that the children should eat their luncheon in the town hall dining room near which they have their playground. In the discussion of children's reading the mothers took home folk tales and fairy tales as well as books about children's reading. The teacher of English in the academy, with the co-operation of the librarian, made out a list of recommended fiction which is used by the pupils. Another group of women met in the library to study civil government, basing the study on the work recently added to the library: "The Woman Citizen's Library." Miss Price, the home-making adviser of the Hampden County Improvement League, held conferences in the library with girls of the Brimfield canning club, who brought specimens of their work for exhibition.

Brockton. From an accumulation of interest on funds possessed by the library, it has been possible to increase considerably the collection on local history. The library has continued having a limited number of free public lectures and art ex-

hibitions, and has bought a considerable number of books in the Hebrew, Italian and Yiddish languages. Unpaid fines on children's cards are canceled after six months and the children allowed books. Readers are entitled to borrow several volumes of non-fiction at one time. Two meetings of the local group were held here during the year. Montello Branch has moved into new quarters.

Brookfield. A story hour inaugurated January 1 has elicited great enthusiasm from the children and their parents. A duplicate pay collection has been started and is very popular. The librarian has given a talk on the picture exhibition. A bimonthly bulletin is being published. Miss Marguerite Peck, librarian, resigned in June and Miss Harriet G. Brown of Alstead, N. H., succeeded her.

Brookline. The branch at Coolidge Corner has been moved into a remodeled house and its work increased. There is a large reading room on the ground floor, a room upstairs for a future children's room, an office for the librarian, and janitor's quarters. The children's room will soon be opened, and a demand has arisen already for longer hours, including mornings and Sundays. The establishment of a deposit station at Chestnut Hill is a temporary expedient following an unsuccessful attempt by the trustees to persuade the town to appropriate \$20,000 to erect a branch building. The matter will be put before the town again at the next town meeting. A second annual exhibition of Brookline artists was held in March. Classes from the grammar and parochial schools have been taught the use of the catalogue and simple reference books. Boys' and girls' clubs have met and a story hour has been held regularly during the winter. A new rule has been adopted which allows each adult card holder to draw practically as many books as he needs. Books heretofore issued for two weeks, with the privilege of renewal, are charged for four weeks. Borrowers may now have one seven-day book, one magazine for the current month and any reasonable number of other books and magazines.

Burlington. Special work with the schools has continued, each teacher being allowed all the books needed in school work. A portfolio collection of "Homes and haunts of Shakespeare" has been received from King's Chapel book room.

Cambridge. A legacy of \$3,000 comes to the library from the estate of the late Abigail W. Rowe. A committee has been

appointed to secure a Carnegie building for North Cambridge.

Carlisle. The sum of \$1,000 has been received by the will of Mrs. Selina G. Richardson, the income to be used for the library.

Chelmsford. By the will of Mrs. Selina G. Richardson the library receives \$200.

Cheshire. The sum of \$1,000 has been left by Mrs. Marie A. Fisk, the income to be spent for books. Books are now loaned to the schools.

Chesterfield. A bookcase has been presented by Mrs. W. H. Male of Haverford, Pa., and a portfolio of 100 crowned masterpieces of painting by F. A. Eldred of Springfield.

Chicopee. A number of boys formed a bird club which met in the basement of the library and made bird houses under the direction of the children's librarian. About 30 bird houses were made. Mounted pictures have been prepared for use in the schools. An Audubon club has been formed.

Chilmark. A permanent fund of \$300, the income for the purchase of books, has been received by the will of William Foster.

Clinton. The librarian is giving instruction on the use of the library to the ninth grade and the first year class of the high school. An effort has been made this year to furnish books to aid the business men, the schools and the Woman's Club. The Bay Path Library Club met here in October.

Cohasset. The Village Improvement Association at Beechwood has added two rooms to its hall, and the Board of Directors rents them and has furnished them for library purposes, and books and magazines are to be kept there permanently. Gifts of books have been received from Mrs. E. B. Bryant and Mrs. J. L. Bremer, and pictures from Mrs. J. L. Bremer and Mrs. A. A. Sherry.

Nantasket. A picture of the Pantheon, and one of the city of Florence were presented by Mrs. G. B. Dewson; a set of Kipling has been received from Miss Dorothy Bolles; the "Book of Knowledge" from Miss Elizabeth Kelley; a collection of 51 volumes from Mrs. Howard Chappelle; 10 volumes from Miss Marion Smith; 11 volumes from Mrs. Waterman, all summer residents; also a donation from the Paul Pratt Memorial Library of 18 volumes.

Concord. Work was started in August upon a three-story brick stack room, the cost to be about \$50,000. Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge is the architect.

Conway. During the winter eight readings were held with an average attendance of 45. The teachers of the upper grades and high school co-operated, and the readings were given by Mrs. Hassell, a former teacher in the high school.

Dalton. Six deposit stations have been started. The overdues in the children's room have been reduced to one cent. The non-fiction is loaned for one month instead of two weeks. Vacation reading privileges are now allowed. An exhibit of Christmas books for mothers was held and lists distributed. Holidays were observed by posting lists and pictures. A picture collection has been introduced and a poem collection has been started for the schools. Shakespeare day was observed and 400 attractive Shakespeare bookplates were given to the patrons. Books and lists were displayed and stories of Shakespeare told to six groups of children. The Dalton branch of the Berkshire County Red Cross Society was organized in the library and held all its meetings there during the summer. The librarian has organized a girls' club of twenty members for general culture and better reading. A book committee furnishes books to invalids and the aged, and a flower committee furnishes the library with flowers. Lessons were given to 81 pupils in the grades on the use of the catalogue, and a course of lectures to the senior class in the high school. Flowers were gathered and mounted by children in the junior room and placed on bulletin boards. Pamphlets and application blanks for the Massachusetts Extension Course and the United States government reading courses have been supplied. A reception to the teachers was given by the trustees at which Mr. Lowe of the Commission gave an address and Miss Myers of Pittsfield a talk on story-telling. By the will of Mrs. Louisa F. Crane the library receives \$2,000.

Deerfield. An exhibit of books was held covering the various epochs in the Deerfield pageant.

South Deerfield. The new building, the gift of C. B. Tilton, has been completed at a cost of \$16,000, with a capacity of 6,000 volumes. W. Leslie Walker was the architect. The Woman's Club has voted to turn over to the trustees its fund of \$913.61 to be used as the trustees and a committee of the club may see fit. The dedication of the new building was held November 14.

Dighton. Weekly story hours have been held throughout the year. Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year stories were

told, also legends and fairy tales, myths and historical stories.

Douglas. By the will of Winfield S. Schuster the library received \$1,000 and \$500 by the will of Arthur M. Taft. A subscription to an Italian magazine has been given by a friend, which will supplement books in Italian loaned by the Commission. The Parent-Teachers Association has again been instrumental in having the library open a few Sundays during the winter for Victrola concerts. This privilege was much enjoyed last year also.

Dracut. A new library building is being advocated by the town, and an appeal made for some generous citizen to give a much-needed building.

Dunstable. The vacation privilege is now allowed those desiring it.

East Bridgewater. A bequest of \$50 from Mrs. Mary F. Parker has been received.

East Longmeadow. A new registration has been commenced.

Easthampton. Miss Dorcas C. Miller has retired after forty-seven years of service, having been with the library since its establishment. Miss Hazel W. Benjamin of Greenfield has been appointed her successor. Miss Benjamin is a graduate of the Springfield Training School, was for several years in the Springfield City Library, and recently an assistant in the Waltham Public Library. A few changes have been made in the library. Stacks have been put in the basement for the older and less used books, making more space upstairs. A children's corner has been made, and the reference books have been collected where they can be easily consulted. A gift of \$2,000 has been added to the Ferry fund by the will of Lydia Ferry. The number of non-fiction is no longer limited and free access is allowed to the shelves. Classes from the high school are being instructed in the use of the library and reference books. Talks on various subjects have been held at the library. A candy sale was held by the children to purchase furniture for their corner. A story hour is being held. A new branch has been opened at Mt. Tom schoolhouse. The age limit has been removed.

Egremont. The library has been papered and painted.

Enfield. By the will of Mrs. Lucretia Chamberlain the library receives \$1,000 and \$500 from the will of Mrs. Elizabeth Wright.

Erving. The branch at Millers Falls has been moved from a private house to a room in a former school building. This gives much larger and more attractive accommodations.

Everett. *Shute Memorial Library.* The vacation plan of borrowing books was advertised, by which teachers and students were allowed several books on one study card. Books in French, Italian, Norwegian and Swedish have been added to the library. The circulation has been larger than ever before and the circulation of fiction less. A new charging desk has been built for the adult department.

Fairhaven. The time limit on fiction, except recent, has been extended from two to four weeks. Borrowers are also privileged to take out at one time two fiction (one only to be a seven-day book) and a reasonable amount of non-fiction. The library has recently started a collection of books in Portuguese, and, by the purchase of new books and advertising, efforts have been made to increase the use of the library by the French and Portuguese elements in the population. There has been an increased use of the library by the teachers. Two courses in the use of the library have been given to the eighth and ninth grade children. A collection of books has been loaned to the Mothers' Club for circulation throughout the club. A talk on books for children has been given to the club by the librarian, and a special exhibit of books held at Christmas.

Falmouth. The privilege of reserving the new books as freely as old books has been extended through the summer, with good results.

Woods Hole. Miss Edna E. Wells resigns as librarian to take effect January 1.

Fitchburg. A Turkish art rug has been loaned for exhibit by Miss Eleanor Norcross of New York. The heavy dark frame in which the rug is encased is about 6 feet long and 4 feet wide, while the rug itself is about 6 inches shorter in either dimension. Miss Elizabeth J. Ball has given \$500 to the library, in memory of her uncle, John E. Kellogg.

Foxborough. By the will of the late Seth R. Boyden, all of the property is left to the widow during her lifetime, after which the Boyden Library is to receive \$3,000. A card catalogue has been made by Miss Florence E. Kimball of the Providence Athenæum under the supervision of the Commission. All the books have been mended and shellacked, and a new charging system installed.

Framingham. An open meeting in the interest of the library was held in the high school building in May. Mr. Lowe of the Commission and Miss Wiggin, advisory librarian of Essex County, explained modern methods of co-operation between the library and the school. It is hoped that work with the schools will be developed more extensively as a result of this meeting. Instruction on the use of the library has been given to the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth grades and the high school.

Gardner. The building containing the West Branch was destroyed by fire in February and attractive new quarters, comprising the whole second floor of Brazell Block in West Gardner Square, were fitted up for this branch. All of the eighth-grade children received instruction at the library, in groups of twelve, on the use of the catalogue and some of the important reference books. The same course will be held this year and an hour's instruction for groups of first-year high school pupils is planned for later in the year. The librarian gave a brief talk on the resources of the library to all the classes in night school. Moving-picture slides have been used at the local theater to advertise the resources of the library. Library Sunday was held in October, when the clergymen of the various churches preached on the value of the library and the importance of good reading. An effort was made to interest the Sunday-school teachers. Three hundred and forty volumes, including many valuable works of non-fiction, were donated by Mrs. Laura A. Heywood.

Georgetown. Two hundred dollars has been appropriated for the library. This is the first time the town has appropriated anything in addition to the dog tax. The recataloguing of the library, which has been done in part each year by an expert, has been completed.

Gill. Four schools are now supplied with books.

Gloucester. The children's room is open now on Saturdays and vacations, 9 A.M. to 8 P.M.

Gosnold. Mrs. Bertha L. Stetson has been appointed librarian to succeed Miss Florence V. Tilton.

Grafton. The Southern Worcester Library Club met here in June. The librarian is giving a course of three talks to the high school pupils.

Granby. A Carnegie offer of \$5,000 has been accepted by the town and a building committee appointed. A site was given several years ago and has been accepted by the committee.

Granville Hill. This little library, donated and supported by Mrs. John M. Stevenson of Pittsfield, now has 797 volumes and circulated during the past year 972 volumes, proving the demand for a library on the "Hill."

Great Barrington. The increase of circulation over last year was 1,842 volumes. The Thursday Morning Club has held its meetings in the historical room of the library.

Greenfield. In May the rule for fiction was changed to read, "any reasonable number of novels may be taken on one card, one only to be a seven-day book." This privilege does not apply to children's cards. The Massachusetts Library Club met here in October.

Groton. Mrs. Edward H. James of Milton gave a reading of Macbeth at the library in observance of the Shakespearean three hundredth anniversary.

Hadley. One of the trustees has given talks in the schools on the use of the library and has arranged for the children to go to the library with their teachers for instruction. She has also opened the library one hour each Sunday noon after church service for the distribution of books.

Hamilton. Mrs. Grace C. Stone, who has been librarian for eighteen years, resigned in August.

Hampden. The library has added to its shelves, as a gift from Mrs. Elliot Moore, who recently moved from the town, a full set of the Encyclopedia Britannica, numbering thirty volumes. Mrs. Moore's mother has also added a number of scientific works. The County Improvement League has given books to the library, also discarded books have been received from the City Library Association, Springfield. By the will of Morton L. Day, the library is to become the recipient of the income of \$500, to be expended for copies of the "Christian Herald."

Hancock. By the will of Miss Jane A. Taylor, \$6,000 was bequeathed to the library for the erection of a suitable concrete or brick building to be located on the lot east of the Taylor building, having 100 feet frontage on the main street of the village adjoining the Hadselle property. The will has been broken and unless another trial is granted, the library will not benefit by it. Because the library looked so well after its reorganization last year the Scout Master enlisted the boys in putting the woodshed in order. This was done very effectually and a new atmosphere has been created as a result of their efforts.

Hanson. Miss Mary J. Drew, librarian for ten years, died in August. She had also served as secretary of the Old Colony Library Club for two years. Her sister, Miss Evie W. Drew, former chairman of the Board of Trustees, has been appointed her successor.

Hardwick. *Gilbertville.* A study club has been organized in the library. Eight newspapers have been added to the reading room.

Harvard. Electric lights have been installed.

Harwich. The library has been recatalogued, reclassified and a new charging system installed under the direction of the Commission. Books have been given by N. C. Doane and the Congregational Sunday school.

West Harwich. The Cape Cod Library Club met here in September.

Haverhill. The library receives \$4,750 from the estate of Jonathan E. Pecker of Concord, N. H., the income of which is to be used for Americana, State histories and genealogies. The circulation the past year has been the largest in the history of the library. Special attention has been paid to work with foreigners. Two lectures in Italian were given by Mr. Pecorini. The best Italian and Greek books and periodicals have been added. A lantern slide collection, chiefly of local views, has been started. Movable reading lamps have been installed in the reading room. Robert Stuart Chase, a member of the Board of Trustees of the library from its foundation, died on July 6, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. A convention of librarians from the libraries in the Merrimac valley was held in December.

Heath. By the will of Mrs. F. E. Welch of Amherst the library is to receive \$500 for repairs or additions to the building.

Hingham. By the will of Mrs. Ellen Bailey the library receives \$3,000 for the purchase of books.

Holbrook. The library suffered considerable loss by fire in March.

Holden. A story hour is being held at the library in charge of the literature and library extension department of the Woman's Club.

Holland. Mrs. Henry D. Hyde of Boston has presented to the library a picture of her grandfather, Freeland Wallace; also many books. The library has been painted this year.

Holliston. Washington's birthday was made the occasion of "open house" at the Holliston Library, when several hun-

dred people availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the library, many never before having been in the building. Miss Partridge was assisted in receiving by John M. Batchelder, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Mrs. Frank Haviland. In the Washington room was shown a fine collection of Washington prints, loaned by the Boston Art Museum and a collection of Washington books loaned by the State Library. The Camp Fire Girls attended in a body. Refreshments were served. Miss Blanche E. Partridge, who has been librarian since 1910, has resigned to accept a position on the staff of the Newton Library. Miss Helen L. Garratt has been elected her successor. One hundred dollars has been received from Luther Howe.

Holyoke. Weekly exhibits of flowers have been held in the library under the direction of the Holyoke Women's Municipal League. New deposit stations have been established at the high school, the Central fire station, at the Grace Church and at the playgrounds.

Hopedale. The catalogue of local history has been completed and has been arranged ready for binding. Very valuable local history material has been purchased. Teaching of the school children on the use of the library has continued, a story hour has been held as usual in July, and Victrola concerts the first Sunday in the month during the winter. A much greater use has been made this year of the school card than for several years. During the year 711 volumes have been drawn. In Grade VII. the boys, during the time when the girls were having the sewing lesson, gave their time to the individual reading of library books selected by the teacher and drawn on the school card. This hour, with any extra time each wished to give outside, accomplished in fifteen weeks the reading of 81 worth while books by 18 pupils.

Hubbardston. An unbound set of the Gilbert Stuart folio and a copy of a picture by Rembrandt were given by Mrs. H. S. Cunningham of Brookline. The library is to be open hereafter on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 o'clock. A story hour has been held, the services of a friend having been offered for the purpose.

Hudson. On May 1 the newspaper reading room was opened to the public. In order that the public might become acquainted with the new reading room, the trustees had 2,000 slips printed calling attention to it. These were distributed

to the factories with a request that they be placed in the envelopes of the operatives. A neighborhood meeting of librarians and trustees was held in the library May 4. During the three days' celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the incorporation of the town the library was open from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. and aimed to be a bureau of information. The late Miss Mary Emma Chamberlain of Hudson left to the library her herbarium, consisting of about 2,000 specimens and a fireproof cabinet for them.

Hull. The trustees of the library have given the Boy Scouts a room in the library in which to conduct their meetings.

Ipswich. Thomas H. Lord, a trustee of the library for many years, left \$1,000 in his will for a reading room. George Spiller Ipswich left the library a legacy of property which it is estimated will amount to between \$2,000 to \$2,500.

Lakeville. Mr. Charles M. Rhodes of Taunton has presented to the library a steel engraving, which has been hung over the fireplace, also crayon portraits of Hawthorne and Longfellow. A mission settle was donated by Mrs. Mabel Manton. The Library Sewing Circle is active in various ways, accumulating funds to assist the library. Electric lights have been installed at their expense. Children go to the library in groups to be shown the use of the library and the books.

Lanesborough. The new library, the gift of Mrs. Maria H. Newton, was dedicated in August. The cost of the building was \$18,000 and its capacity is 6,000 volumes. The building contains a hall, the town officers' rooms and the library. Preparatory to entering the new library, the books have been recatalogued and a new charging system installed under the supervision of the Commission. The different organizations in town are much interested in supporting the library. Each child in the schools gave the same number of pennies he was years old, for the new library's first birthday. Five dollars was raised in this way. A dance in the new auditorium netted \$25. Individual gifts of money and books from the Parent-Teachers Association and other organizations showed the interest the townspeople are taking in their new library. Each school has been given a deposit of books; a talk was given to the pupils, as a result of which twenty children immediately went to the library for books.

Lawrence. An exhibition of the Providence Water-color Club has been held at the library under the auspices of the art department of the Lawrence Woman's Club.

Lee. Instruction on the use of the library has been given in the library by Miss Edith M. Pratt under the auspices of the Western Massachusetts Library Club.

Leicester. A lecture was given in the hall of the library by the Rev. W. W. Patton on Tagore under the auspices of the Woman's Club. A list of books useful to home-makers was printed and distributed. The Cherry Valley Branch has been installed in new quarters in a large light room in the school building. A meeting was held in Library Hall in the interest of community betterment, planned by the civics department of the Woman's Club. Speakers from Providence and Worcester took part in the discussion. A scheme to interest the housewives has been inaugurated, whereby lists of books pertaining to home economics and similar subjects are distributed in the families all over town. Later other lists along other lines will be sent to members of clubs.

Lenox. Mr. F. A. Schermerhorn gave the money for painting and repairing the outer walls and adding a new roof to the building. During the meeting of the Garden Club of America an exhibit was held at the library of books and pictures pertaining to gardens. Many rare and beautiful illustrated volumes were on exhibition, also a display of prints of notable gardens and post cards of Lenox gardens. An invitation to visit the library was sent to each delegate. Monthly lists of new books have been posted in the hotels, clubs and post offices. Duplicate books of fiction are sold for twenty-five cents each. The privilege of borrowing books has been given to many non-residents.

Leominster. Through the courtesy of the Rev. Dr. Ralph T. Flewelling, a splendid course of six lectures was given for the benefit of the library. The lectures were a great success financially and also in establishing a new interest in the library for many. Charles Curtis Allen, a talented local artist, held an exhibition of his paintings in the art room, and one of the results was the purchase of the finest picture in the collection for the library through public subscription. Vocation Week was held during the last week of school and was the means of bringing vocational literature to the attention of parents and students. Arrangements were made with local business and professional men and women to advise young inquirers. In the usual letter sent to the members of the graduating class, announcement was given of Vocation Week to be held in June and inviting

the pupils and parents to attend the exhibition which was held for the benefit of those who had not already chosen a profession. Exhibitions of children's garden produce and handicraft work were held. A book table at the grange fair was arranged and bulletins of new books distributed. Club day for boys and girls took the place of Young People's Week, and gave an opportunity for the library to demonstrate the many ways it can serve the interests of the boys and girls. The art room and studies have been in almost constant use for lectures, committee meetings and club meetings, making the library a "community center." Three new bulletin boards have been placed in the delivery and reference rooms. They are used entirely for interesting notes about authors, book reviews or additions to the library. This arrangement leaves the large bulletin boards free for other interests. Two-cent fines have been reduced to one cent, making a uniform rate throughout the library. The library had an interesting window display in June. In the center of the window was a desk containing 100 volumes of the original public library used in 1763 by the colonists of King George. The library was maintained for fifty-two years in the study of Rev. Francis Gardner, second pastor of the first church, ordained Dec. 22, 1762, and died June 2, 1814. The original desk was used in the display, also the books it contained. It was stated on placards that the present library contains 32,000 volumes, and sample volumes were shown of those most appropriate at the approach of the vacation season. Store window advertising, factory bulletins, circular letters to high school graduates and business men, talks to eighth grade pupils on the use of the library, and talks to clubs on children's reading and use of the library have been continued. A selected list of books for the home-maker has been issued by the library.

Leverett. The new library building, the gift of Mrs. Judson Field in memory of her father, Bradford Field, was dedicated in September. The building is a wooden structure of Colonial style and is finished on the inside with silver gray. The first floor is a large room containing the librarian's desk and bookshelves. There is also a fireplace with settles on either side. The second story contains a collection of antique furniture which belongs to the Field family. Mrs. Field gave \$3,500 for the building and \$1,500 for mainte-

nance. Mr. Karl S. Putnam was the architect. The library was reorganized under the direction of the Commission preparatory to moving into the new building.

Lexington. The local group, with Mr. Drew B. Hall of Somerville as local secretary, met at the library on June 1. Miss Ruby Tillinghast gave a practical demonstration in book repairing. The demonstration was held on the lawn and a social hour enjoyed. The usual school activities are being carried on. A new assistant spends a few hours each day in the children's room, and it is hoped greater results will be accomplished another year.

Littleton. By the will of Levi Leonard Conant of the Worcester Polytechnic Institute faculty, the sum of \$1,000 is left to the library conditional on its life use by Mrs. Emma B. Conant and that she die without issue. Miss Cora W. Davis, librarian for thirteen years, resigned in January. Miss Juniata Fairfield, who was assistant for four years, succeeded her, but later resigned to become assistant librarian at Boston University. Miss Margaret Thacher succeeds her.

Lynn. The Ward 7 Branch of the library has been moved to a portable building erected by the city on land loaned by Miss Julia A. Callahan for a term of five years. The library was formerly located in the schoolhouse and was removed by order of the school committee as the room was needed for school purposes. The new branch library at West Lynn, called the Houghton Branch, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, is nearing completion. By the will of Charles J. H. Woodbury, the library is to receive several interesting medals. Miss Harriet L. Matthews, who has been connected with the library for over half a century, has resigned on account of illness. The resignation was accepted with deep regret that serious illness necessitated it, and a letter of appreciation of her devoted and efficient service was sent to Miss Matthews.

Malden. The two-story addition made to the library was opened to the public in January. The addition was first planned to provide for the growing need for more room in the children's department, but the plans grew until it was decided to make the two-story addition, with more room for the growing art interests of the library. The whole cost of the enlargement was about \$25,000. In mass the addition is a hexagon, opening on the second floor out of the old art gal-

lery and out of the cataloguing room, and on the lower floor out of the staircase passages. The art gallery has a large skylight for day illumination, and a border of electric bulbs to provide reflected illumination at night. The children's room is finished with gray tinted plaster walls with cases, tables and chairs of quartered oak like the doors. Two corners are boxed off for the smaller children. Numerous windows provide plentiful daylight, and the artificial illumination is by the "indirect-direct system." The ceiling is heavily beamed in a geometrical pattern. There is a separate outside entrance for the children. Among the recent purchases for the extension work of the library, there are 344 lantern slides and the same number of stereographs to be used in connection with the school work. A course of visual study has been planned by the superintendent of schools, and these views will be circulated among the schools. Two non-fiction and one book of fiction are now allowed on one card. There have been two meetings of the local group under Mr. Fison as secretary during the year, one at Medford and one at Malden. Matters of library administration have been discussed freely.

Marblehead. The annual meeting of the Massachusetts Library Club was held here in June.

Marlborough. An oil portrait of Mr. E. L. Bigelow, a former trustee, has been given to the library by his wife.

Marshfield. The age limit has been changed from twelve years to eight. Open shelves have been arranged for children in the reading room.

Maynard. Jeremiah Moynahan of Cambridge has presented the Rafferty estate on Main Street to the town as a site for a library building. The building will not be turned over to the town until the death of Mr. Moynahan's daughter, Miss Cecelia Moynahan. The building is to be known as the Rafferty Memorial Library, and Miss Moynahan has donated \$2,500 toward the building fund.

Medfield. The town has accepted the gift of a new building from Granville F. Dailey of New York, to be erected on the corner of Main and Pleasant streets. A trust fund of \$500 has been received from John M. Richardson.

Medford. A branch has been established at Wellington in the Wellington Improvement Association Building, the room and attendant being supplied by the association, books, furniture and supplies by the library. The main library now

has a room for small classes and for lectures. In the Children's Building partitions have been taken down on both floors, making a much enlarged delivery room for the children and a good hall for lectures and story-telling. The West Medford Reading Club donated \$25 for the purchase of books on civics, and the Medford Shakespeare Club \$10 for books on the drama. The children have been active in helping to start a Children's Museum. The printing class of the high school has co-operated with the library by printing special lists free of charge, the library paying only for the stock. The library was open on Sundays from October to May.

Medway. A building has been given to the library by Addison Thayer, Mrs. A. M. Heller and Mrs. S. Cutler, children of the late Addison and Lydia Thayer.

Melrose. An East Side Branch has been opened on the second floor of the Winthrop School. It is open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday evenings. A story hour has been held, both in the main library and at the Highland Branch.

Middleborough. Selections of books have been sent to one part of the town not easy of access to the library, and the distribution cared for by a young lady interested in the work.

Middleton. Lessons on the use of the library are being given in the schools by Miss Frances S. Wiggin. Fifty-three volumes have been given by Mrs. Levi C. Wade.

Milford. Miss Harriet L. Thayer has left \$100 to the library for the purchase of books.

Millbury. The new library building given by Andrew Carnegie was opened to the public October 12. Miss Delia C. Torrey, who gave the lot for the building, was the first visitor and expressed her great delight with the appearance of the new building. Under the front door of the inside of the building is an American flag presented by George A. Custer W. R. C. One of the special articles of furniture in the library is a large cabinet for holding magazines and papers, which was presented to the library by some unknown person as an expression of appreciation for what the library has done for him in years past. The building cost \$12,500 and the capacity is 12,000 volumes. The wooden stacks used in the old building have been remodeled and removed to the new building, and the steel stacks from the old building are used in the new. The library is now open Sunday afternoons, in

charge of the library extension committee of the Woman's Club. A new branch has been established at West Millbury in the home of Mrs. Watkins, open two days a week, afternoon and evening. The Newark charging system has been introduced. A story hour for the children each Monday during the winter has been started.

Milton. At the close of school, vacation reading lists for boys and girls were printed and distributed to children of the primary and grammar grades. As a reward, the names of the children reading the greatest number of books on these lists were posted on the library bulletin board. A story hour has been held once a week at the Central Library and its branches with excellent results. More systematized work is being done with schools. The following exhibitions have been held in the art room: paintings by C. H. Richert and Harold C. Dunbar; tree exhibit by the natural history committee of the Education Society; etchings by C. E. Jacque; Shakespeare exhibit; etchings by the Chicago Etchers Association; exhibit of herbarium by the Milton school children; water colors by Rosa Wallis.

Monroe. A new desk and chair have been given by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Monson. Each adult borrower is now allowed one book of fiction and a reasonable number of non-fiction instead of only two books as formerly. The custom of charging borrowers one cent for each new card has been discontinued. Fines cease after books are two weeks overdue and a messenger is sent to recover the books at a charge of ten cents to the borrower. The juvenile books have been placed in one corner of the reading room. Two new bulletin boards have been posted; overdue notices are sent by mail or by telephone; Library of Congress cards are now being ordered; the Newark charging system is being installed; a card shelf-list is in process; the books have been rearranged on the shelves and the Cutter numbers omitted from the fiction; a new registration system is begun, also a new method of keeping statistics and a new system of book ordering introduced. Miss Nellie Squier, librarian of the library for twenty years, resigned in March, and Miss Maud C. Sweet, a graduate of Monson Academy, succeeds her. Miss Sweet trained for library work in the Springfield City Library and for the past ten years has been connected with the Brooklyn Public Library.

Montague. *Turners Falls.* During the summer months "vacation reading" was carried on. Printed lists of suggested books were distributed among the school children and over 200 children started the course. To each child who read ten books during the summer, a Perry picture was given; 78 children read 10 books, 25 read 20, 1 read 30 and 1 read 40 books. Only one new book of fiction is allowed on a card, but any reasonable number of "two-week" fiction and non-fiction may be taken out on a card. Postals have been sent to individuals to announce the non-fiction books in which the librarian thought these certain individuals might be interested; in no case, so far, has the individual failed to come for the book.

Monterey. Through the assistance of the Commission, Italian books and magazines have been circulated.

Natick. *South.* The library has been recatalogued, reclassified and a new charging system installed. The work was done by Miss Ruth S. Eaton under the direction of the Commission.

Needham. The new library was formally opened with appropriate exercises May 4. The Needham Heights Branch, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, was purchased by William Carter for \$12,000, — \$9,000 in cash and the site for a new building. The town appropriated \$10,000. The total cost of the building was \$32,500 and the capacity 20,000 volumes. James H. Ritchie was the architect. The building is situated on the geographical boundary line of the two parts of Needham, but removed from either center of population. Much dissatisfaction was expressed over the choice of situation, but contrary to expectations the circulation shows a decided gain over the total circulation of the previous branches. This is probably due to the attractiveness of the new building. The juvenile room, with the children's books about the wall shelves, has made a great increase in the circulation of juvenile non-fiction. The library has been handicapped in doing its best service owing to an expenditure of several hundred dollars to meet building committee expenses. In June the neighborhood meeting of librarians was held in the new building. The "moving picture" was the subject of the program, followed by a discussion of the new books. The delivery station at Needhamdale School has been changed to a deposit station. The circulation there is very encouraging.

New Ashford. The library has been moved to a room in the church. Shelves have been remodeled and the library so arranged that it is locked and closed to the main body of the church.

New Bedford. In connection with the free lecture course a beginning has been made of including several lectures in foreign languages. Such lectures have been given in Italian, Greek and Portuguese. Very many art exhibitions have been provided during the year, many obtained by membership in the American Federation of Arts. The vital records as furnished in the local papers have been typewritten from 1807-1874. Books are allowed to circulate with practically no regard to geographical boundaries. The library has adopted a new bookplate. The design, which is oval, pictures the library building, a full-rigged whaling ship and a loom, thus indicating the past and present industries of New Bedford. On the left is placed the date of the library's incorporation, 1852; on the right the date of entrance into the new building, 1910. Mrs. Abbie S. Hawes, formerly of Dorchester, who died May 2, has left all her books to the library.

Newburyport. By the death of Mrs. Sarah E. Stickney the city comes into possession of \$5,000, the income to be used for the benefit of the library; \$1,000 has been received by the will of Nathan D. Dodge.

Newton. On December 31, Miss Elizabeth P. Thurston, librarian for twenty-five years, resigned. Mr. Harold T. Dougherty of the Deborah Sayles Memorial Library, Pawtucket, succeeds her. The library has recently received \$5,000, the bequest of Miss Mary Shannon, to be used for general purposes. At the community night of the Men's League of the Newton Highlands Congregational Church, Miss Mabel A. Singleton, branch librarian, gave a talk on the importance of the library and the need of larger quarters for the branch. A committee from the schools and library has succeeded in gaining permission from the moving-picture management to choose the pictures for one afternoon each week and community films have been used, including "Treasure Island" and "Alice in Wonderland." This was advertised by the library and the schools. Interesting meetings of the local group have been held during the winter, including a visit to the Children's Museum, Jamaica Plain, where the director gave a talk on the activities of the museum. The use of the accession book has been discontinued and the shelf numbers

for fiction have been discarded and the card catalogues at the branches discontinued. A Ford delivery truck has been purchased. The branch libraries, with the exception of Waban, are now open on Sunday afternoons until the first of May. A photographic exhibit has been shown at the main library, loaned by the department of forest service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

North Adams. A most important event has been the reorganization of the Oscar A. Archer Branch at Blackinton. Since then, this attractive branch has been a small center. The pupils of the Blackinton School were told how to use their own library, and both the Blackinton teachers and the Parent-Teachers Association heartily co-operated in making this branch successful. The pupils in the seventh and eighth grades and the sophomores in the high school were given instruction at the main library, and were afterwards, through the kindness of the curator, shown through the rooms of the Fort Massachusetts Historical Society. Safety First Juvenile Week was observed by means of window displays, book-lists, etc. Professor Pecorini spoke to the Italians of the city under the auspices of the Commission and the library. Fines are no longer charged on books drawn by teachers and members of study clubs for study. The trustees have decided to devote the \$490 received from the Burlingame estate to the founding of a collection of original prints and etchings. From the Babbitt bequest the library has been able to add to its important reference department \$280 worth of books. In order to encourage the reading of wholesome books by children during the summer, a vacation reading club was formed at the library. A selected list of interesting books was prepared from which each child who registered in the club promised to read at least six books. A library book league has been started, the object being "to handle all books carefully, to be quiet and orderly, to invite others to join the league and to try to interest them in good books." The schools were visited; the children have had the making of a book and the responsibility of the child toward the library explained to them, after which they were asked if they were willing to take the pledge and help care for the books. Every hand was raised. A copy of the pledge was left at the school for signatures.

North Attleborough. Lists of books are sent to the seventh grades, to be used as long as necessary and then exchanged.

North Brookfield. The duplicate pay system has been introduced.

North Easton. Instruction in the use of reference books has been continued in the high school, the librarian has addressed various clubs, lists of books on topics of interest have been compiled, and monthly collections sent to the schools.

Northampton. Florence. A full set of the Audubon bird charts, the educational leaflets and special books upon birds have been purchased with an effort to interest the public in this subject.

Forbes Library. The city council on April 6 voted for the consolidation of the Forbes Library and the Clarke Library, to take effect by December 1. Library development in Northampton began in 1830 with the "Social Library." In 1869 the town voted to appropriate \$25,000 for the purchase of a lot and the erection of a public library and memorial hall building, on condition that not less than \$25,000 should be raised from other sources; \$29,000 was collected, of which John Clarke gave \$5,000. When he died, July 5, 1869, he bequeathed \$40,000 for the benefit of the public library, which, however, was not distinctively called the Clarke Library until after the opening of the Forbes Library in 1895. Judge Forbes, who died Feb. 3, 1881, gave the bulk of his estate to found a public library for the use of the inhabitants of Northampton, to be called the "Forbes Library." Further legacies to this institution include \$5,000 from the Hon. W. Gaylord in 1881; \$50,000 from Dr. Pliny Earle in 1892; and \$5,000 from Mrs. Chas. A. Cutter in 1903. With no good reason why the city should maintain two separate libraries, the city council pointed out, among the many advantages of consolidation, greater efficiency in library work, less expense in maintenance, better facilities and better appreciation by the public of the library opportunities offered. The Clarke Library will be used as a reading room, while the Forbes Library will be used for the delivery of books. A special appropriation of \$25,000 has been made for steel stacks. Mr. George E. Phelps has presented to the library a Bible that was owned by Sally Maminash, the last of the Indians in Northampton. A valuable and noteworthy addition to the art treasures of Northampton has recently been presented to the library by Mrs. Frances S. Bates of Boston. The gift consists of four portraits in

oil, three oil paintings and a collection of forty-eight miniatures known as the Holland House collection.

Northfield. A library club for children, with twenty-five members, has been organized, and meetings are held at the library Saturday mornings. Talks are given and stories and fairy tales read. Miss Pratt of Greenfield gave some instruction on the use of the library, in the schools.

Norwood. There has been opened a distributing agency at Winslow Hall, a new center of the Norwood Civic Association for the small village in the western part of the town. Books are given out during those months that the hall is open for the work of the association.

Oakham. One hundred and fifty dollars has been received from Mrs. Celia E. Fobes of Worcester to pay for the lighting system recently installed in the library. A gift of a clock has been received from Herbert D. Gough of Worcester.

Orange. By the will of Mrs. Abbie Clark the town is left \$300 with which to purchase books for the library.

Orleans. A number of duplicates have been sent to Wellfleet and many volumes to the North Reading State Sanatorium. The town has appropriated money for a new lighting plant. The library has been presented with fifty volumes of recent fiction by Mr. Charles M. Bryant.

Oxford. A successful rose exhibition was held in June. Phonographic concerts have been given every Sunday afternoon during the winter.

Palmer. The library has received a bequest of \$500 from Mrs. Annie D. Brocklebank of Lawrence in memory of her parents, E. L. and Delilah S. Davis. A room vacated by the town officials has been made into an attractive children's room. Miss Edith M. Pratt, representing the Western Massachusetts Library Club, has given instruction to about 350 of the school children in the eighth and ninth grades and the high school.

Pelham. The library has been recatalogued, reclassified and a new charging system installed under the direction of the Commission.

Pembroke. In the will of Augusta B. Cheney of Kingston, there was a bequest to the town of Pembroke of \$1,000 for the erection of a free public library, to be called the Briggs Library, provided the town would appropriate at least \$1,000 for the same purpose. The will also gave the books in her private library to the proposed library. The offer was de-

clined as the property had depreciated so much that the amount which the town would receive would be less than \$500, and the town could not afford to make the sum sufficient to build a satisfactory building. Borrowers are allowed to take books to the number of five on one card, provided but one is new fiction. Students are allowed to take what they wish. The sum of \$25 has been received from Mrs. William Bolles of Toledo. A card catalogue has been started by the librarian. Books for classroom reference and for outside reading have been placed in the high school.

Bryantville. Mr. George E. Leavitt of Whitman has recently presented to the Cobb Library at Bryantville the fife on which his father "did the blowin'" for the Pembroke and Hanson Volunteer Militia Company from 1837 to 1845. It will be placed in a glass case beneath the flag of the old company, which was one of the eight that disbanded in 1847 because of the State's opposition to the Mexican war and the extension of slave territory. Four books are now allowed on each card, two of which may be fiction.

Petersham. A fund of \$2,260 has been raised and presented to the library by the friends of the late Francis H. Lee of Salem in recognition of his untiring services to the library. It is to be used for the purchase of books, and a bookplate has been designed for books purchased from this fund. A table in the reading room is reserved for the literature of the Village Improvement Society. A small round table has been added to the children's corner.

Pittsfield. Six books may be drawn at a time for vacation reading. The old system of "fines" with its implication of penalty for wrong-doing has been practically done away with and the word entirely dropped. The rule now reads: "Books may be retained free of charge for fourteen days, renewed once for the same period free and kept for a longer time at a rental of one cent a day."

Plainfield. The girls of the town wrote and gave a play in the summer, netting \$35 for the library as their share in its support, on condition that the trustees let them help in the selection of books. A printed catalogue has been prepared to meet the needs of the patrons living miles from the library.

Plymouth. The following bequests have been received: \$3,500 from I. M. Jackson, \$500 from Dr. H. J. Pratt, \$2,000 from

S. P. Gates, \$100 from C. B. Stoddard, also a gift of \$50 from Miss Mary Pratt, \$50 from Miss Caroline B. Warren and \$25 from Miss Rose G. Whiting. Three books may now be drawn at a time instead of two. New shelving has been added and all books rearranged so that it is now possible for the public to have access to the shelves. The periodicals have been moved to the upper floor where there is space for chairs and tables for use in consulting them. The books on useful and fine arts have been brought together in a room which also serves as a special study room. A combined bookcase and bulletin board has been placed in the reading room for the new books and a vertical file purchased for pamphlets. New electric lighting has been installed. The black paper book covers have been removed and the books repaired and cleaned. A general survey of the library has been made, and many volumes which were out of date and of no real value discarded. A re-registration has been made and the Newark charging system installed. A corner of the reading room is reserved for younger readers and a separate catalogue is being made. The age limit has been changed from twelve to seven.

Manomet. The circulation has steadily increased. Three new bookcases have been made, the work being given by William L. Bartlett and William Anderson, Jr. The appropriation was increased \$50. The sum of \$50 has been received from the Ladies' Benefit Society of Manomet and a librarian's desk from Mrs. Minnie Dodge, Mrs. L. A. Husband and Mrs. Helen Boardman.

Princeton. Summer guests are now allowed free use of the library.

Provincetown. A gift of 60 books has been received from the Boston Athenæum.

Randolph. Several gifts of books have been received during the year. The library is now kept open every evening. The newly established musical department has been fairly well patronized. The reserve postal system has been introduced.

Raynham. Borrowers are now allowed two books of fiction, one old and one new, as many non-fiction as they wish, and two magazines on a card.

Reading. Plans have been accepted for the new building, a gift of Andrew Carnegie. The cost of the building, including furnishings, fittings and architects' fees, will be \$20,000, of

which the Carnegie gift supplies \$15,000 and the town \$5,000. The building is in process of erection.

Richmond. Borrowers are now allowed more than two books at a time, with the exception of new books.

Rockland. A meeting of the Old Colony Library Club was held here March 23.

Rockport. A semiannual bulletin is being issued and lists of new books printed in the local paper. A card catalogue has been made for the children's room and one is being made for the adult collection.

Rowe. The fifth annual concert for the benefit of the library realized \$25. Several pledges have been made towards a library fund for a new building and several sites have been offered, also 2,000 feet of lumber.

Rowley. Instruction on the use of the library has been given in the schools by Miss Frances S. Wiggin, who has done similar work most successfully in other Essex County towns. Mr. James M. Perley has resigned as librarian and Mrs. Charles H. Perley has been chosen librarian.

Royalston. At West Royalston the little library connected with the one church serves a hamlet of 23 people, with a circulation of 500. It was established in 1902 and its income of \$80 seems amply sufficient for its needs.

Russell. Mrs. James Walkinshaw has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Minnie G. Marcotte, who has resigned as librarian. The Woronoco Branch has been moved to the "Community Building," a remodeled schoolhouse, owned by the paper company.

Rutland. During the past year books were sent to the district schools. More than one volume of fiction is allowed on one card.

Sandwich. Mr. J. J. Crane has presented the library with a few valuable books on astronomy, and Mr. Thornton W. Burgess of Springfield has given a complete collection of his books for young people.

Saugus. The offer of a \$14,000 building has been made by the Carnegie Corporation. The committee from the board of trade which conducted the one hundredth anniversary celebration of the town a year ago has promised to furnish a site for the new library from the sum netted from the anniversary celebration. The new branch at East Saugus was opened in June. Hon. Horace H. Atherton, Jr., has given

to the library 25 copies of his history of Saugus, written for the anniversary.

Savoy. Sixteen volumes have been received from the William Jerdan estate.

Scituate. The Woman's Club has given ten books to the library as a memorial to their deceased members.

Sharon. A course of instructive lectures has been given during the winter in the lecture hall. Several of these were travel talks illustrated by lantern slides. The library has purchased a lantern for use in these entertainments. The approach to the library has been much improved by a granolithic sidewalk. The continuation of the walk to the library steps was the liberal gift of the Sharon Improvement Association. The committee in town in charge of the antiquarian collection, which includes the rare old clock and many interesting antiques kept for years at the Town House and seldom visited, has moved the entire collection to the library, where it may be more conveniently seen and generally appreciated. The trustees of the library have inaugurated a plan for taking books to outlying districts by appointing three trustees to have charge of a collection of books for each district, loaning them to near-by residents.

Shelburne. One thousand dollars has been received by the will of Darwin Barnard, to be paid after the death of his brother.

Shelburne Falls. The freshman class in the high school has been given instruction on the use of the library.

Shrewsbury. A room in the basement of the library has been fitted with tables, chairs and lights and opened as a play-room for the children on Wednesday afternoons and Saturday evenings. An interesting exhibit of Indian relics, bead and basket work and rug making was held in the children's room in January. A new floor of stacks has been added to the stack room.

Shutesbury. The library was recatalogued and a new charging system installed under the direction of the Commission. Volunteers thoroughly cleaned the library and assisted in the rearrangement, after which an open house day was held at which were exhibited baskets, blankets, etc., made by the ladies in the town. Pictures were loaned by the W. E. A., and the children contributed flowers. A talk was given to the children on the making of paper and the book, and after a "clean hands" talk each child was allowed to take a book home. School deposits have been placed in the outlying

schools. It is hoped that a volunteer may be found to keep the reading room open one night each week.

Somerville. A bronze memorial tablet bearing a medallion of the late Sam Walter Foss, former librarian, will be set up over the stair well of the main entrance to the central building. R. H. Recchia is the sculptor. Payment for the tablet will be made from a fund of \$15,000 left to the library by Miss Martha R. Hunt; \$12,000 of this fund is a permanent book fund; the other \$3,000 may be used for works of art. The sum of \$18,000 has been received from Andrew Carnegie for a branch at East Somerville; a lot has been purchased by the city for \$4,500, and the building will be started soon. E. L. Tilton is the architect. The library group under Mr. Hall's secretaryship has held four meetings during the year.

South Hadley. By the will of Miss Rose Hollingsworth, \$2,000 is left to the Gaylord Public Library, the income of which is to go toward the purchase of books.

Southampton. By the will of Caroline Avery Clark of Springfield the library receives \$500.

Southbridge. The annual meeting of the Bay Path Library Club was held here in June. A 1-cent fine only is now charged in the children's room. Instruction has been given in the schools on the use of the library and reference books.

Southwick. A gift of \$3,000 has been received from the Sallie Moore estate.

Spencer. Miss Curtis, formerly librarian, who was granted a leave of absence to take a course in the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, has accepted a position in the public library of Davenport, Ia.

Springfield. The total circulation was an increase of 15,712 volumes over the record of any previous year, and 6,150 new readers have taken out library cards. The restriction of one work of fiction at a time on a card has been abolished and readers can now borrow any reasonable amount of fiction as of other books except the current novels. Weekly gatherings for the blind have been held each Saturday in the parish house of the South Church under the management of Miss Farrar of the library staff. At the instance of the library a generous friend purchased tickets enabling the members of the class with guides to hear the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The Orpheus Club invited them to its concert and the Young Men's Christian Association reserved seats for the Sunday afternoon lectures and concerts. Invitations were

given to various other meetings and entertainments. Lectures have been given in Italian, Greek and Polish. Through the generous interest of Mr. Charles H. Barrows and others, the nucleus of a collection of steel engravings has been formed. Numerous additions have been made to the picture collection for the use of the schools and more than a thousand inexpensive prints on American history have been obtained. In the local history department 470 works have been added. The contents of valuable sets have been carefully indexed on cards and three scrapbooks of newspaper clippings relating to important local events have been made and likewise indexed. The indexes of the song and piano collections have been brought to date and comprise more than 15,000 cards. Leaflets and registration blanks relating to the correspondence courses inaugurated by the State and the reading courses conducted by the United States Bureau of Education have been distributed. The tercentenary of Shakespeare's death was marked by an exhibit including among other things facsimiles of the first four folio editions. Exhibits of photographs or prints held each month in the Art Library have attracted many visitors. A group of publishers was allowed to display at the library for a fortnight a large collection of recent publications which they called a "better books exhibit." Also the monthly bulletin has had numerous paragraphs on the building up of private libraries, mentioning especially good books at moderate cost. Numerous special lists, catalogues, etc., have been printed and distributed including leaflets entitled "Success," "Confessions," "Recent books on the war," "Lacemaking," "Business books of to-day," "Practical books for practical men," etc. The instruction in the use of books and the library given to the eighth and ninth grade classes has been somewhat broadened and made more definite. For the use of pupils and teachers 30,789 volumes have been supplied to the schools, and throughout the early spring Mrs. C. S. Potter very kindly made a practice of spending Saturday afternoon in the children's room reading aloud good books to the eager groups. The large amount of business done at the Memorial Square Branch required an addition to the charging desk. The painting by Tait, which was bequeathed by the late Ella Sprague Bill, has been hung with the collection which she installed during her lifetime in the delivery room. A large and interesting tapestry, depicting

George Washington after the painting by Stuart, the product of many months of patient needlework, has been presented by Messrs. Elwood L. and Herbert H. Graves in memory of their father, George A. Graves. Three admirable panels in color, after Abbey's "Quest of the Holy Grail," and a remarkable reproduction of Hemy's painting, entitled "Life," have been added by Mr. Henry H. Skinner to the collection formerly given by Mrs. Skinner, to complete the harmonious adornment of the children's room. For the walls of the branch libraries, Mr. A. B. Wallace has presented from his notable collection very fine etchings, and three choice examples by Frank Brangwyn have been hung in the Forest Park Library. A list "For makers of Christmas gifts" has been issued. An entertainment, given at the Forest Park Branch, was attended by 300 children. An entertaining program was carried out, after which each child was presented with a pretty bookmark as a souvenir of the occasion. Each child presented a library card as a ticket of admission.

Sterling. The sum of \$500 has been received from J. E. Lynds of Cloquet, Minn., a native of Sterling.

Stockbridge. A branch has been established at Interlaken. The sum of \$25 has been received as a bequest from Col. James F. Dwight of Stockbridge. An interesting and valuable set of documents, bearing on transactions with the Stockbridge Indians, has been received from R. R. Bowker. A gift of forty volumes of fiction and Beer's "History of Berkshire County" have been received from Miss Mary Weyman. Volumes of fiction and a photograph case for large photographs have been given to the Interlaken Branch by Mrs. Frank Warren.

Stoneham. The Woman's Club has carried on the story hour at the library during the winter with much success. There has been an average attendance of about fifty. Pupils from the high school have been employed as extra helpers on certain afternoons during the week. A bulletin board has been placed in the high school upon which lists of books have been posted.

Stoughton. Mr. Wales French, Stoughton's librarian and one of its best known residents, died at his home on May 31. He was the founder of the Stoughton Public Library, which was opened in 1874 with 524 volumes, and has ever since devoted much of his life to the library, having practically

bought all of the books since its inception. By the will of Cassadana L. Phinney, the library receives \$500. A series of lessons on the use of the library is being given to the pupils of the high school. A general talk is given by the librarian followed by a talk on reference work by the instructor in English, after which the pupils are shown through the library.

Sturbridge. *Westville.* The first anniversary of the branch library in Westville was observed by a book social. A prize was awarded the person guessing the largest number of characters. Charles C. French has offered a site for a branch library.

Sudbury. A meeting of the Neighborhood Library Group was held here April 26. The general subject for consideration was "Library advertising." Mr. Dougherty of the Newton Library, Mr. Davis of Waltham and Miss Camp of Wellesley gave most interesting and helpful illustrations of work done in their libraries. By the courtesy of the trustees a luncheon was served.

Swampscott. By the will of Mary L. Thompson of Swampscott the library receives \$1,000. The new building is under construction.

Taunton. The sum of \$40,000 has recently been released for the use of the public library. Provision was made in the will of S. S. Cobb, formerly one of the most prominent citizens, who died about twenty-five years ago, that this amount should be set aside for the life use of certain individuals, and that upon their death it should revert to the library. The library has already secured a city appropriation to provide another much needed story in its stack room, and the income from this bequest will probably be used for the purchase of books. The reserve postal system has been introduced. The latest activity is the organization of a Wireless Club which is largely attended by pupils of the high school.

Tewksbury. The library has received 50 books from John Henderson of Lowell. Fortnightly meetings are held on Thursday afternoons in connection with the Library Art Club.

Tisbury. *Vineyard Haven.* A trust fund of \$225 has been received by the Ladies' Library League. A lecture course of popular lectures by well-known speakers was held during the winter.

Townsend. Instruction in the use and care of the books has been given to the pupils in the higher grades. Mrs. F.

W. Wood of Baltimore gave \$10 for the purchase of books.

Townsend Hill. Loans of books and pictures from the Woman's Education Association and books from the Amherst Agricultural College and from the Townsend Public Library have been much appreciated.

Tyngsborough. The eighth grade is allowed the use of the library as a reference and study room one day each week.

Tyringham. The card catalogue has been revised, a new charging system installed, the stacks rearranged and a children's room established. Mrs. Hale has resigned as librarian and Mrs. H. M. Slater succeeds her. Instruction on the use of the library has been given in the schools by Miss Edith M. Pratt of Greenfield under the auspices of the Western Massachusetts Library Club. The librarian from Monterey gave a talk at the library in March to the children, and the acting librarian at Tyringham reciprocated by giving a talk at the Monterey Library.

Uxbridge. A meeting was held with the high school in the library hall in commemoration of the Shakespeare anniversary. A stereopticon lantern has been purchased and lectures have been given. A Victrola has been used to furnish music at the meetings in the hall. The building has been newly frescoed and a system of indirect lighting introduced. Three books can be loaned instead of two. Books for study can be kept longer than two weeks and as many as are needed can be borrowed. Booklists are published in the local weekly paper once in six months and printed from the same type for distribution. An attractive booklet, giving a brief history of the library and important facts in the history of the town, is given to all who register. The librarian has given a talk at the high school on "The use of the library and its reference books." She has also prepared a list of books suitable for high school pupils.

Wakefield. A citizen's committee of twelve started a campaign to raise funds for a site for a new building, and 130 people were asked to canvass the town. The sum of \$12,000 was raised in three weeks, and the site purchased. Later subscriptions raised the amount to \$13,109.16. Only six people contributed more than \$100, and subscriptions were received from 20 cents to \$2,000 from about 1,200 contributors. The sum of \$6,700 was received in sums of \$100 or under. The town is now hopeful of a new building in the near future.

The hours of opening the library have been increased. Cards have been granted to residents of neighboring towns, and the vacation privilege allowed to patrons during the summer. The Kosmos Club has given \$20 and the T. T. O. Club \$10 for the purchase of children's books.

Walpole. Miss Ida J. Phelps has resigned as librarian, and Miss Margaret B. Foster, first assistant, is acting librarian.

Waltham. The new library building, the gift of Francis Buttrick, was dedicated December 11. The metal box containing various records was placed in a recess in the wall of the entrance with appropriate ceremonies, followed by exercises in the reading room, when the keys of the library were turned over to the Board of Trustees by the president of the City Hall and Public Library Commission. As fast as time permits, the library is developing special collections for which it had no convenient shelving in the old quarters. The Homemakers' Collection, the Young People's Collection (intermediate), and the Newcomers' Collection (for foreign-speaking people) are to be permanent collections, and the cards in the catalogue will all be marked accordingly. The monthly "Nature in Waltham" list is a list of all the birds, flowers and stars to be seen in Waltham during the current month. This list has proven so useful that it is now to be printed each month by the school department for use among teachers and pupils. The list is posted in the library on a bulletin board, and on shelves beside the bulletin board are to be found the books enabling one to identify all the natural phenomena to be seen. The teachers of the public schools were invited to visit the new building by grades, and were taken through and told how to use both building and treasures. For about two months, classes of pupils or teachers or both from public or parochial schools were at the library every day for instruction. The new bulletin boards have available space on both sides and are doing much to instruct the public to the intelligent use of the library's resources. By the combining of the magazine and reference rooms in the new building, it has become possible for the staff to give more time and more intelligent service to the public. In addition to the usual Library Art Club exhibitions, there have been several exhibitions of remarkable colored plates by the late George E. Morris of Waltham. The opening of the library for reading Sunday

afternoons from 2 to 6 has been much appreciated. The plan now is to have the Sunday opening in force from November 1 to April 1. A list of a few of the organizations using the lecture hall or one of the two study rooms will indicate the popularity of this sort of laboratory possibility. Story hours have been held by the Woman's Club on Saturday and Sunday afternoons in the lecture hall for the children. Saturday's story hour was available only for the limited number to whom tickets had been given, and in this way it was possible to know just what school grade would be represented in the room, and stories were prepared accordingly. Sunday's story hour was unlimited, but was intended and was advertised to draw the children and young working people of the foreign-speaking families. Easy English was used and the stories were such as would teach the best ideals of American history and present American life. This Sunday hour started with a mixed attendance of about 30, but before the summer months arrived the girls had been separated from the boys and there were about 90 boys in the lecture hall and about 35 girls in one of the study rooms. The main lecture hall seats only about 120. Among other meetings in these rooms were those by Current Events Class, Waltham Historical Society, public school teachers, Animal Aid Society, Waltham Grange, Waltham Girls' Club, preparedness organizations, Waltham Gun Club, Waltham Social Service League, Boy Scout Committee, Waltham Equal Suffrage League, local college clubs, and Waltham Home Garden Association. The library also had a series of free lectures on a wide range of civic and personal questions all given by local speakers. A testimonial sword given to Maj. Gen. N. P. Banks at the close of the Civil War by 800 citizens of Massachusetts has been presented to the library by his son, Joseph F. Banks, with a book of autographs of the 800 signatures. On February 29 a reception was given to neighboring librarians and trustees. The guests were shown over the handsome new building and refreshments were served. A picture collection has been started this year. The proceedings at the dedication of the new library building have just been published with a picture of the new structure. A little pamphlet, "A record of civic progress," has been issued by the library. This gives a general survey of the work of the past year

with rules for use of the lecture hall and hints on how to use the library. The Cutter numbers are no longer used on fiction.

Ware. Books are now renewed without being returned to the library. The number of books allowed on one card is not limited except for new fiction. The juvenile department is being reorganized preparatory to moving into larger quarters upstairs. The former children's room and present reference room are to be combined as reference and periodical reading rooms. The old reading room is to be retained as an adult reading room. Deposits are placed in four more district schools. Shelves for required reading are reserved for high school students.

Wareham. A gift of a Tudor library to cost about \$25,000 has been given to the town by Mrs. Blanche W. Tobey and her daughter, Mrs. John Hall Jones, in memory of George Oakes Tobey, Jr., to be known as the George Oakes Tobey, Jr., Memorial Library. The sum of \$1,000 has been received from Mrs. Blanche W. Tobey, a memorial gift to George Oakes Tobey, Jr. The sum of \$100 comes to the library, the bequest of Mrs. Annie P. Thompson.

Wayland. The first meeting of the neighborhood group of librarians was held in October. The subject for discussion was cataloguing, and after an interesting discussion a delicious luncheon was served and a social hour enjoyed.

Webster. Mrs. Amos Bartlett has given \$1,000 to be held in trust, the income thereof to be used for books of permanent value. This fund is to be called the Lucy Locke Memorial. A valuable bookplate and a number of books were also given. A committee of the Chamber of Commerce has been appointed to look into the need of a new library building.

Wellesley. A guessing contest for the children was carried on in the early part of the year, the children guessing the book from which characters were taken. Thirty-four children entered the contest, eleven came within five of the correct answer and three within two of it. One afternoon was set apart during the year for mothers' afternoon. Both the librarian and children's librarian talked with each mother about the books which her child was reading and recommended other books to be read. Lists of books were distributed. The neighboring group of librarians held a meeting here in May to which the trustees of the neighborhood

were invited. Mr. J. Randolph Coolidge gave an address on "The trustees and the library." The duplicate pay collection has been introduced.

Wellfleet. By the will of Mrs. Hannah D. Brown of Newton, a bequest of \$1,000 was given to the library as a memorial to her father, Jesse Y. Baker of Wellfleet, the income to be used for the purchase of books. An entertainment was given in August for the benefit of the library.

Wendell. Books and magazines have been received from Mrs. Josephine Ballou of Ansonia, Conn., Miss C. E. Jenks of Bedford, and Miss Ellen Merchant of Wendell.

Wenham. The public library celebrated the Shakespeare anniversary by means of a special gathering of public school children. Miss Frances S. Wiggin read to the children. The occasion was both enjoyable and instructive. During the winter instruction has been given in the schools by Miss Wiggin on the use of the library.

West Boylston. Instruction in the use of the library has been given by the librarian from the third grade up through the high school. A set of questions was prepared to give practice work. Those having correct answers had their names posted at the library. Almost all the seventh, eighth and ninth grades took the test, but, as it was optional with the fifth and sixth, not many took it. In the high school credit was given for this in their English course.

West Brookfield. Miss Mary P. Foster, librarian since 1906, died in June, and Miss Helen P. Shackley has been appointed her successor. The registration and catalogue have been revised and the public documents weeded. Special exhibits have been made of war books, cheerful books, etc. Lists have been made for the school grades and books reserved for the children to use in connection with their work. The trustees' room is now used for reference. Riley week was celebrated by bulletin boards, showing birthplace, and giving list of books in the library by Riley and about him. All of his books were on exhibition also. Special bulletins have been displayed as the occasions demanded, such as Hallowe'en, etc.

West Newbury. A report was current early in the year that the four Misses Emery, residents of this town, were to buy the old Hotel Albion and erect on the site a memorial library. The report said the offer was made to the board of select-

men of the town, who planned to present the matter of its acceptance at the spring town meeting. A protest was made against the offer by certain citizens, since in March, 1902, the town accepted a gift of \$2,400 from the Major Boyd Post, G. A. R., on the understanding that it should be used as the nucleus for a fund to erect a memorial building in the town, the building to contain the town library. This fund now has reached about \$5,000. The deed of gift of the fund stipulated that the building should be erected within 200 yards of Postoffice Square, and as the lot the Misses Emery planned to erect a library on is some distance away from the square, the fund set apart by the G. A. R. could not be utilized in this connection. The Misses Emery have withdrawn their offer. The revision of the catalogue has been completed and the printed catalogue issued.

West Springfield. The new library building, a gift from Andrew Carnegie, was opened to the public October 24 with informal ceremonies. A large number of people took advantage of the opportunity to view the building. It is a one-story structure with attractive exterior. In the children's section the bulletin space is worthy of notice. The two upper book shelves around the room are hidden by a cover which lifts up and which, in turn, is covered with cork carpeting for bulletin purposes. Thus no space is lost. In the basement is a lecture room which will fill a long-felt want. The finish of the inside of the building is light oak. The architect is Edward L. Tilton, the cost \$25,000, and the capacity 15,000 volumes. A memorial, to be known as the Daniel Granger White memorial, will be established from the income of a gift of \$500 presented by his family. Already the new library is proving the need that existed for it. Starting with an attendance of 200 on the opening night, 212 persons drew out books the following day and the number was doubled the next day. The library officials are attempting to interest the children in the possibilities of the library and groups are shown how to make intelligent use of the library. All the schools have been visited with the aim of securing the names of all those who would like to take out library cards. The fiction has been rearranged with the Cutter numbers omitted. Rev. G. W. Love has resigned as librarian and Miss Rachel N. T. Stone succeeds him. Miss Stone is a graduate of the Springfield Training School, 1912, New

York Public Library School, 1915, has been an assistant in the Springfield Public Library and the New York Public Library, circulation department. Any reasonable number of books may be taken on a card. The fine on vacation books has been extended.

West Stockbridge. The books have been rearranged on the shelves, numbered and shellacked, thus greatly improving the appearance of the library. New magazines are added each year, making a total of twenty-five of the best magazines now in the library.

Westborough. This year the circulation has been the largest in the history of the library. There has been a marked increase in the reference work with the schools. Instruction has been given to all high school students on the use of the library.

Westfield. A deposit station has been established at Wyben. In co-operation with the school department a special educational course has been started consisting of a copy of each textbook used in the public schools, similar textbooks for use of teachers and parents, and a general collection of works on education and pedagogy. The valuable private library of Robert B. Robinson, late of Westfield, and \$2,500 will go to the Westfield Athenæum by the terms of his will, in memory of his wife, Mrs. Mary Standish Robinson.

Westford. A recent addition to the J. V. Fletcher Library is a loyal tribute to the memory of the late John D. Long, whose associations and friendship with Westford Academy and Westford people were so mutually cherished for a long period of years. This tribute is in the form of a scrapbook of substantial proportions and contains a wealth of clippings concerning the life of Mr. Long, also accounts of his death and funeral, and many splendid tributes to his life and career. Carefully embodied therein are his addresses given in Westford. Mr. Long was for many years a member of the Board of Trustees. An electric lighting system has been installed. Over 100 volumes belonging to the original collection of the Social Library have been placed in a special case made for the purpose.

Westminster. The library has been reorganized, under the supervision of the Commission, by Miss Frances S. Wiggin. The classification has been revised, card catalogue made and the Newark charging system installed. All author marks have been discarded and only the class numbers retained. A

large number of the townspeople and pupils have aided in this work. At the completion of the work, a "general opening day" was observed at the library. Miss Wiggin conducted classes in reference work with the high school pupils in the morning and the grade pupils in the afternoon. Librarians from the adjacent towns were invited. They were shown the improvements in the library and a social hour followed.

Weston. A bequest of \$3,500 has been received by the will of Mary P. Cutter, and \$988.47 by the will of George Berkeley Cutter.

Westport Point. The library is used as the social center of the town. Different societies meet here. During the summer a worker from the South End House, Boston, told stories to the children.

Westwood. To encourage a more extensive use of the library, the trustees have instituted a publicity campaign. A letter describing the possibilities of this institution has been issued to many of the citizens of the town not living in the immediate vicinity of the library. The trustees urge a larger use of the library.

Weymouth. *South Weymouth.* The Children's Library Society, made up of twelve little girls, all under ten years of age, meet once a week to sew and read. The society held a small sale of candy and fancy articles made by the children, April 19, at the Fogg Library. A short Easter play was given and there was an exhibit of dolls of different nations. The object of the society is to buy children's books for the library. The Village Study Club has donated \$25 to the library.

Wilbraham. At a meeting of the Wilbraham Study Club held at the library, Miss Ida F. Farrar of the Springfield Library spoke on what the club can do for the library. A bequest of books has been received from Miss C. L. Moody. Miss Price, the homemaking adviser of the Hampden County League, is giving a series of talks during the winter, in the library.

Williamstown. A collection of more than 100 mounted photographs was given by Mrs. N. Henry Sabin. Miss Pead of the North Adams Library has given instruction in the use of the library to the grades, with successful results. A branch has been opened in the White Oaks district.

Winchendon. A large photogravure of St. Peter's at Rome has been presented by Mrs. John Folsom. The duplicate pay

collection has been started. Story-telling is being planned for the winter.

Winchester. The principal new feature for 1916 has been exhibitions of books on special subjects such as Shakespeare, Bible, gardening, nature, outdoor life, European War, home economics, preserving, etc. Much interest was created by these exhibits. Many books hitherto obscured on the shelves were thereby brought to the attention of the public. Incidentally, as the books were allowed to circulate at the time, it somewhat increased the circulation in those subjects. The library also published a special bulletin announcing an exhibition of Shakespeare's works and containing a list of books the library has relating thereto.

Winthrop. In the adult department three books may be borrowed on one card instead of one book of fiction and one of non-fiction. During the summer a reasonable number of books may be borrowed on one card for vacation reading. The children's department has moved into a larger room. Two large bookcases have been placed in the adult department. A new shelflist on cards has been completed. A meeting of the local group of librarians has been held in the library.

Woburn. The library has a post card of standard catalogue size which is sent to those interested in any special subject on which the library has acquired material. An apprentice class has been conducted through the year. A meeting of the local group of neighboring librarians has been held.

Worcester. The circulation department is now open until 9 p.m. every day. Two books of fiction are given out on one card and more if especially requested and not newer than five years. A one-cent fine system has been successfully operated in the children's department. "Community rooms" established in the basements of all three branch libraries have proved very useful for story-telling, club meetings and other kinds of library extension work. A rental of \$3 per evening is charged for political gatherings. A special committee has been appointed to agitate a new building. The children's reference room has been reconstructed and the interior re-decorated. The room which has been a stack room for the circulating department, with a small corner for a teachers' room, has been cleared away and tables have been arranged for the children to work on and books for reference placed

in one corner. In the other corner a place for the mothers has been arranged and the more choice copies of books have been placed there, while on the other side a place has been made for teachers and there is a large space for the work-room. Two new school deposits have been established. Library classes from the high and grammar schools have been instructed regularly on the use of the library. Eben Francis Thompson, president of the Worcester Shakespeare Club, spoke in the art rooms of the public library, April 18. The librarian explained the exhibit of books and illustrative material on Shakespeare. A letter was sent to the high school classes urging them to continue their use of the library and enclosing a list of books to help choose a career and also a list of good stories. Some plates recently purchased by the library have been placed on the walls of the art room. They include "Mother Goose" illustrated by Frederick Richardson and illustrations in separate form of the Volland edition of "Mother Goose" edited and arranged by Eulalie Osgood Grover, "Hiawatha" and "Robinson Crusoe" in sets of eight each by Nancy Smith, and ten plates by W. L. Taylor, illustrating Bible characters. An exhibition of the work of the city's kindergarten classes has been held in the library. Girls thirteen and over are eligible to membership in a library club organized at the Quinsigamond Branch. A similar club has been formed among the boys of the village, which is proving to be very successful. The Y. M. C. A. has arranged for a free school in citizenship, to be held at the library.

Worthington. Library hours are now from 3 to 9 P.M. on Saturdays. Through July and August the library was open twice a week, also on Sundays from 3 to 5.30 for reading only. During the winter a young people's reading club met in the library Saturday evenings. A story hour has been conducted bi-weekly. The number of 258 books have been added, mostly gifts. The sum of \$100 was received from "unknown friends" and \$50 from Mrs. James Kirkham of Springfield; also \$25 from Mrs. James Simpson of Edinburgh, Scotland. The grounds have been made more attractive by the planting of shrubs. The town voted in February to give the dog fund to the library. "Founder's day" was instituted and on September 7 successfully carried out. The people of the town were invited, tea was served on the grounds, and 100

new books from Mrs. J. Malcolm Forbes were displayed. The idea of the celebration was to stimulate an interest in the younger generation in the library of Frederick Sargent Huntington, the founder, and be a tribute to his memory.

Wrentham. The library has been recatalogued, reclassified, and a new charging system installed under the direction of the Commission.

APPENDIX II

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC

[NOTE. — In the following table of statistics the figures are taken from the reports sent in by covers the year 1915. While the Commission has earnestly endeavored to make this compilation the reports received or inaccuracy in their figures.]

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
1	Abington ¹	5,646	\$3,728,919	\$24 30	11,497	16,997
2	North Abington	—	—	—	9,015	23,945
3	Acton	2,151	2,515,429	16 00	12,743	8,010
4	West Acton	—	—	—	1,600 ²	—
5	Acushnet	2,387	1,279,525	26 00	4,903	7,147
6	Adams	13,218	7,089,829	20 00	19,825	56,305
7	Agawam	4,555	3,444,755	21 20	—	—
8	Alford	271	204,114	18 90	1,371	246
9	Amesbury	8,543	7,256,727	20 70	16,082	48,838
10	Amherst	5,558	6,463,350	19 50	14,081	24,850
11	North Amherst	—	—	—	4,000	6,500
12	Andover	7,978	8,905,388	17 50	22,503	41,637
13	Arlington	14,889	19,315,159	21 30	28,435	54,598
14	Ashburnham	2,059	1,205,786	22 50	7,080	10,126
15	Ashby	922	797,756	17 50	4,759	5,300
16	Ashfield	994	939,255	20 00	7,169	7,619
17	Ashland	2,005	1,537,285	22 20	8,742	11,489
18	Athol	9,783	6,727,420	23 50	11,242	39,350
19	ATTLEBORO	18,480	22,253,675	19 80	18,484	71,425
20	Auburn	3,281	1,833,600	20 80	4,350 ²	6,820
21	Avon	2,164	1,156,615	22 60	3,710	13,899
22	Ayer	2,779	2,483,972	17 90	11,800 ²	10,518
23	Barnstable	4,995	9,234,313	18 10	16,000 ²	—
24	Centerville	—	—	—	2,096	2,536
25	Cotuit	—	—	—	6,164	5,064
26	Hyannis	—	—	—	4,000	12,450
27	Marstons Mills	—	—	—	1,800	1,800
28	Osterville	—	—	—	4,840	3,424
29	West Barnstable	—	—	—	1,760	1,371

¹ Compiled from last returns.

APPENDIX II

LIBRARIES IN MASSACHUSETTS

the various libraries and give figures for the last fiscal year. In the majority of libraries this tion as accurate as possible, there are undoubtedly errors, due either to a misunderstanding of

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
1	—	—	\$1,564 34	\$137 22	\$177 85	\$330 00	\$339 06	1
—	2	—	799 00	323 59	85 04	378 00	409 55	2
—	—	2	650 00	382 60	455 59	275 90	239 70	3
—	—	—	—	228 41	58 18	52 00	82 42	4
1	—	—	400 00	37 33	174 97	112 65	34 54	5
—	8	—	3,500 00	2,498 31	1,520 53	2,154 55	2,296 11	6
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
—	3	—	46 00	—	—	29 00	56	8
—	—	—	3,000 00	1,072 46	624 85	2,308 22	1,165 55	9
—	—	—	600 00	647 43	642 44	359 00	164 84	10
—	—	—	150 00	269 68	189 32	91 00	144 98	11
1	4	4	2,455 51	2,283 22	892 29	3,340 59	2,433 06	12
1	—	—	4,573 53	3,035 00	1,031 18	4,287 06	2,290 29	13
2	10	—	444 51	139 64	344 20	141 15	98 80	14
—	—	—	250 00	225 16	129 76	204 00	129 44	15
1	—	2	100 00	1,438 99	624 85	545 81	367 41	16
—	1	—	1,000 00	30 00	158 63	413 34	350 62	17
—	—	—	1,500 00	657 85	579 84	866 92	618 42	18
2	6	1	7,500 00	315 75	2,146 12	3,564 71	2,081 27	19
1	—	—	375 00	187 77	156 88	234 50	128 58	20
—	—	—	453 97	11 80	119 30	208 00	156 61	21
—	1	—	1,000 00	150 50	145 29	681 31	243 89	22
—	3	4	—	715 00	98 82	300 00	413 52	23
—	—	—	—	200 05	67 00	75 00	38 20	24
—	—	—	—	1,096 84	—	596 50	361 65	25
—	—	—	—	579 65	185 80	200 83	252 50	26
—	—	—	—	70 20	25 00	25 00	16 65	27
—	—	—	—	284 64	—	300 00	135 00	28
—	—	—	—	33 67	32 54	26 00	12 75	29

* Approximate.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
30	Barre	3,476	\$2,826,855	\$20 00	13,370	15,812
31	Becket	973	687,460	18 00	2,566	1,691
32	Bedford	1,365	2,101,431	19 00	12,317	11,247
33	Belchertown	2,062	1,027,295	26 00	10,525	15,557
34	Bellingham	1,953	1,107,960	20 00	3,075	5,557
35	Belmont	8,081	12,573,773	18 60	18,020	34,139
36	Berkley	985	595,797	16 50	2,160	3,256
37	Berlin	865	674,510	15 00	2,876	3,834
38	Bernardston	790	608,075	19 50	12,014	6,767
39	BEVERLY	22,959	48,122,138	15 60	36,691	104,020
40	Billerica	3,246	5,722,501	19 00	6,052	9,244
41	Blackstone	5,689	2,467,097	24 10	9,413	8,148
42	Blandford	623	693,578	20 60	3,766	4,840
43	Bolton	768	803,986	15 60	5,620	2,345
44	BOSTON	745,439	1,608,707,979	17 80	1,121,747	2,135,100
45	Bourne	2,672	7,759,575	12 40	6,428	11,360
46	Boxborough	326	303,997	14 50	3,159	2,254
47	Boxford	714	1,406,427	9 50	3,862	2,250
48	<i>West Boxford</i>	-	-	-	2,718	1,512
49	Boylston	783	585,440	15 60	7,816	7,685
50	Braintree	9,343	9,780,179	18 80	16,822	28,141
51	Brewster	783	1,048,877	16 00	7,200	5,530
52	Bridgewater	9,381	4,447,687	21 00	18,271	39,006
53	Brimfield	934	626,480	18 25	8,000 ¹	6,800
54	BROCKTON	62,288	55,816,790	22 80	71,416	261,542
55	Brookfield	2,059	1,562,210	21 00	20,787	15,666
56	Brookline	33,490	128,418,800	14 80	89,663	230,913
57	Buckland	1,569	2,087,197	16 00	3,725	-
58	Burlington	751	1,014,788	17 60	3,185	3,168
59	CAMBRIDGE	108,822	131,639,570	23 50	113,314	385,169
60	Canton	5,623	6,924,133	18 80	18,093	35,608
61	Carlisle	490	605,642	14 50	4,104	3,129
62	Carver	1,701	2,123,785	16 00	3,519	1,000
63	Charlemont	977	611,616	24 00	4,396	7,810
64	Charlton	2,213	1,431,970	16 30	5,597	5,215
65	Chatham ²	1,667	2,243,690	13 50	6,538	13,519

¹ Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School De- posits.	Other De- posits.	Appro- priation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Period- icals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
3	-	-	\$700 00	\$105 50	\$92 22	\$676 00	-	30
-	-	-	50 00	136 40	66 25	25 00	\$27 75	31
-	-	-	463 62	482 53	361 93	175 00	134 83	32
-	4	-	363 96	796 57	226 89	321 37	259 13	33
4	2	-	350 00	41	185 69	84 17	76 65	34
1	3	2	4,646 57	182 72	1,070 53	2,563 97	1,461 87	35
2	-	-	150 00	31 09	85 42	60 00	35 67	36
-	3	-	151 37	50 39	112 24	35 00	18 06	37
-	-	-	-	744 74	233 28	225 00	220 94	38
1	8	3	10,065 81	1,043 13	2,255 46	4,870 63	3,879 45	39
-	-	-	-	815 77	203 24	302 25	425 63	40
1	-	-	628 63	176 16	426 25	281 00	66 11	41
1	6	10	200 00	233 56	94 39	134 00	78 50	42
-	-	-	483 35	-	103 36	200 00	184 72	43
30	167	96	407,688 00	22,009 85	48,438 18	276,088 00	93,769 99	44
5	-	-	1,951 35	95 40	599 91	521 31	812 17	45
-	4	-	80 00	-	87 16	26 00	9 20	46
-	-	-	81 94	89 90	137 45	25 00	6 57	47
-	-	-	62 17	17 42	56 62	25 00	75	48
-	-	-	628 61	145 38	112 11	400 60	121 12	49
1	-	-	1,550 00	1,538 76	1,011 60	1,200 00	773 98	50
-	-	-	100 00	120 00	107 61	88 50	23 89	51
-	5	-	1,800 00	808 72	641 91	1,262 89	703 92	52
-	-	1	486 65	278 33	344 81	210 00	209 76	53
2	29	2	24,000 00	1,611 71	7,121 42	12,223 63	6,266 51	54
2	5	-	1,200 00	535 62	510 80	747 92	300 33	55
2	95	6	34,000 00	862 70	5,585 40	20,575 61	8,422 46	56
-	2	-	150 00	40 00	-	-	-	57
-	-	-	200 00	40 56	40 56	150 00	47 36	58
5	21	4	39,030 91	-	9,528 29	20,199 33	8,850 34	59
-	-	1	3,000 00	2,131 63	692 46	1,831 19	1,008 26	60
-	-	-	273 26	3 00	123 85	85 00	122 99	61
-	-	-	200 00	6 25	75 00	100 00	20	62
*	9	-	150 00	45 50	133 20	52 00	3 20	63
-	-	-	200 00	25 93	112 23	77 50	16 25	64
-	-	-	250 00	1,126 18	824 93	562 00	280 52	65

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
66	Chelmsford	5,182	\$4,581,125	\$15 10	11,132	18,056
67	North Chelmsford ¹	—	—	—	6,812	13,627
68	CHELSEA	43,426	31,126,110	24 00	17,524	105,645
69	Cheshire	1,535	883,708	16 00	6,836	9,799
70	Chester	1,344	860,755	22 00	3,000	6,778
71	Chester Center	—	—	—	700	200
72	Chesterfield	559	370,781	20 00	2,416	1,239
73	CHICOPEE	30,138	22,738,630	18 70	36,000	108,085
74	Chilmark ²	288	421,062	8 00	2,268	980
75	Clarksburg	1,114	343,901	23 00	582	—
76	Clinton	13,192	9,462,966	24 20	41,327	49,878
77	Cohasset	2,800	9,802,964	15 00	14,801	17,628
78	Nantasket	—	—	—	4,275	4,262
79	Colrain	1,829	938,034	25 00	4,096	8,000 ²
80	Concord	6,681	10,123,273	17 00	44,249	48,514
81	Conway	1,220	849,300	18 40	9,375	15,169
82	Cummington	660	459,960	20 50	8,850 ²	1,200 ²
83	Dalton	3,858	6,898,290	13 80	11,361	30,407
84	Dana	712	464,774	21 80	1,715	1,161
85	North Dana	—	—	—	1,644	2,583
86	Danvers	11,177	8,628,950	21 20	29,315	48,487
87	Dartmouth	5,330	6,178,250	22 00	3,163	3,000
88	North Dartmouth	—	—	—	2,020	4,000 ²
89	South Dartmouth	—	—	—	8,000	5,592
90	Dedham	11,043	16,733,390	18 00	25,487 ²	71,602
91	Deerfield	2,739	2,753,202	17 80	4,395	2,614
92	South Deerfield	—	—	—	3,160	6,657
93	Dennis	1,822	1,530,740	20 00	2,329	1,688
94	Dighton	2,499	1,876,859	18 80	3,414	8,228
95	Douglas	2,179	1,911,421	11 70	6,350	8,800
96	Dover	999	9,082,290	7 00	5,718	6,314
97	Dracut	4,022	2,652,173	23 90	4,000	10,200
98	Dudley	4,373	2,519,097	21 90	5,100	10,744
99	Conant Library	—	—	—	5,073	• 2,056
100	Dunstable	362	712,474	8 40	3,949	2,251
101	Duxbury	1,921	3,558,793	17 50	8,550	10,789

¹ Compiled from last returns.² For eleven months.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	1	1	\$1,200 00	-	\$484 70	\$378 12	\$337 18	66
-	-	-	700 00	\$31 14	213 02	300 00	114 82	67
-	-	-	7,768 24	1,641 37	1,641 37	5,100 51	2,667 73	68
-	-	-	187 66	129 05	141 07	130 00	38 03	69
-	-	-	200 00	17 09	133 21	50 00	32 56	70
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	71
1	2	-	117 95	-	82 20	25 00	11 71	72
3	-	-	6,300 00	200 00	1,276 25	3,833 42	1,390 33	73
-	-	-	50 00	9 45	14 50	34 75	3 86	74
4	-	-	15 00	-	15 00	-	-	75
-	-	-	6,116 57	465 71	1,843 15	3,027 55	2,178 85	76
1	1	1	2,150 00	594 31	350 00	1,250 00	1,186 85	77
-	-	-	300 00	380 00	45 84	245 75	186 83	78
-	-	-	200 00	589 90	196 84	259 00	342 19	79
-	-	1	4,661 00	3,377 00	2,031 00	2,820 00	2,088 00	80
-	-	-	-	2,280 00	422 00	903 00	955 00	81
-	-	-	92 46	123 16	84 27	-	31 24	82
-	4	4	1,289 64	4,019 86	107 89	1,191 50	3,872 13	83
1	-	-	50 00	-	25 00	25 00	-	84
-	-	-	50 00	-	-	25 00	-	85
-	-	-	1,500 00	4,024 86	858 95	2,016 31	1,399 36	86
-	-	-	482 88	20 75	101 29	88 99	39 91	87
1	-	-	400 00	-	115 71	40 00	36 68	88
-	-	-	333 00	-	-	150 00	175 00	89
2	2	6	6,400 00	643 92	1,828 78	3,006 75	1,905 71	90
-	-	-	100 00	150 00	150 00	100 00	-	91
-	-	-	400 00	-	199 73	117 35	81 30	92
-	-	-	-	172 00	110 00	37 00	25 00	93
-	-	-	625 00	20 26	186 35	277 97	109 68	94
-	-	-	398 75	887 35	215 28	403 35	258 39	95
-	-	-	800 00	5 00	386 84	179 39	155 39	96
-	-	4	900 00	6 00	453 64	237 50	208 75	97
-	-	-	600 00	31 85	435 06	157 00	39 79	98
-	3	-	-	306 69	54 84	135 59	116 26	99
-	-	-	143 84	3 41	80 87	50 00	4 52	100
-	1	4	1,035 79	863 08	546 35	754 45	478 92	101

* Approximate.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
102	East Bridgewater . . .	3,689	\$2,906,914	\$22 20	8,100	17,351
103	East Longmeadow . . .	1,939	1,503,345	20 60	3,929	8,148
104	Eastham	545	467,408	15 50	4,090	6,925
105	Easthampton	9,845	8,029,938	20 50	16,000	39,056
106	Easton	5,064	7,601,580	13 80	20,093	21,368
107	Edgartown	1,276	1,504,704	20 40	3,720	5,914
108	Egremont	599	567,885	14 00	1,992	-
109	Enfield	806	807,060	17 00	7,000 ¹	6,849
110	Erving	1,168	1,098,094	15 60	3,328	5,712
111	Essex	1,677	1,351,975	14 00	6,000 ¹	14,520
112	EVERETT	37,718	33,683,350	23 90	28,240	90,378
113	North Everett	-	-	-	11,039	50,979
114	Fairhaven	6,277	4,931,637	21 00	22,596	54,211
115	FALL RIVER ²	124,791	113,360,748	21 20	92,621	224,082
116	Falmouth	3,917	20,536,415	10 20	11,390	16,058
117	West Falmouth	-	-	-	-	-
118	Woods Hole	-	-	-	3,673	5,922
119	FITCHBURG ³	39,656	41,993,983	20 40	58,565	96,253
120	Florida	427	770,317	15 00	747	225
121	Foxborough ²	3,755	2,825,210	20 20	4,360	11,672
122	Framingham	15,860	18,178,450	20 00	37,000 ¹	53,392
123	Franklin	6,440	5,835,812	20 25	9,723	13,511
124	Freetown	1,663	1,139,264	18 30	2,375	2,708
125	East Freetown	-	-	-	750	1,000
126	Gardner	16,376	11,807,291	20 65	16,401	73,555
127	Gay Head ²	175	48,450	10 30	1,460	265
128	Georgetown	2,058	1,371,775	14 00	8,700	9,017
129	Gill	951	626,447	16 60	2,898	2,925
130	GLOUCESTER	24,478	26,582,102	22 00	20,755	75,314
131	Magnolia	-	-	-	7,200	4,560
132	Goshen	289	250,565	17 50	2,635	2,150
133	Gosnold	155	852,115	8 00	1,176	642
134	Grafton	6,250	3,815,478	18 50	14,401	19,622
135	Granby	828	743,032	18 00	4,916	4,592
136	Granville	784	528,789	22 00	3,604	1,910
137	Granville Hill	-	-	-	797	972

¹ Approximate.² Compiled from last returns.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
—	1	—	\$1,000 00	\$363 24	\$391 56	\$620 38	\$286 92	102
—	—	—	300 00	17 00	119 07	90 00	229 72	103
—	—	3	25 00	717 47	172 43	157 00	189 10	104
1	—	1	1,500 00	1,236 00	966 00	1,209 00	561 00	105
—	25	4	—	3,246 83	945 75	1,320 00	685 72	106
—	—	—	400 00	—	50 00	201 00	149 00	107
2	—	—	67 83	—	42 83	25 00	—	108
—	—	—	214 31	143 75	239 73	64 90	64 90	109
1	1	—	100 00	103 02	100 00	50 00	53 02	110
—	—	—	—	838 00	563 67	236 00	144 75	111
—	—	—	6,100 00	—	1,035 22	3,075 00	1,989 78	112
—	—	—	3,800 00	—	851 27	1,680 00	1,268 20	113
1	1	—	—	8,627 67	1,732 27	4,643 69	1,983 62	114
—	—	3	35,000 00	720 64	4,833 06	18,045 09	12,588 26	115
—	—	4	2,500 75	309 35	410 52	1,305 92	578 13	116
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	117
—	—	—	250 00	479 00	84 47	160 40	354 59	118
—	10	2	8,684 89	1,069 64	2,180 81	5,486 59	1,783 11	119
—	—	—	15 00	—	—	10 00	—	120
—	—	—	900 00	20 00	174 44	498 00	247 56	121
1	—	5	4,400 00	1,345 87	1,335 29	2,570 16	1,691 54	122
—	—	—	1,000 00	757 00	526 00	720 00	122 00	123
—	2	—	150 00	32 00	150 00	—	—	124
—	—	—	75 00	—	65 00	10 00	—	125
2	31	1	3,584 85	2,404 84	1,127 75	2,594 99	2,836 67	126
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	127
—	6	3	226 75	647 65	94 33	446 80	279 74	128
1	6	—	240 50	—	131 25	72 00	45 50	129
—	—	—	—	5,328 87	1,236 50	2,415 97	1,556 09	130
—	—	—	—	1,037 46	70 35	255 00	923 37	131
—	—	—	81 22	124 56	107 95	35 00	5 04	132
—	—	—	35 00	—	—	30 00	—	133
1	4	4	1,050 78	243 25	510 67	500 00	382 40	134
—	3	—	362 84	30 67	266 51	100 00	6 08	135
1	6	—	350 00	425 94	94 21	288 00	393 73	136
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	137

* Income and expenses of the museum are included.

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	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
138	Great Barrington	6,627	\$7,084,660	\$13 20	15,604	26,160
139	Housatonic	—	—	—	7,000	19,800
140	Greenfield	12,618	14,292,156	18 40	32,546	84,134
141	Greenwich	426	278,347	18 00	2,867	3,281
142	Groton	2,333	4,930,814	12 00	13,853	13,959
143	Groveland	2,377	1,411,490	23 20	5,263	16,858
144	South Groveland ¹	—	—	—	4,400	3,500
145	Hadley	2,666	2,325,757	18 60	5,527	2,287
146	Halifax	638	742,498	13 80	1,265	950
147	Hamilton	1,879	7,100,821	10 00	5,000	3,500 ²
148	Asbury Grove ²	—	—	—	1,858	2,681
149	Hampden	670	498,575	17 00	2,861	4,551
150	Hancock	514	440,231	15 80	2,000 ²	—
151	Hanover ¹	2,666	2,378,582	17 70	7,500	13,481
152	Hanson	1,796	1,685,820	17 70	4,730	12,022
153	Hardwick	3,596	3,233,619	16 20	5,300	8,310
154	Gilbertville	—	—	—	2,519	9,893
155	Harvard	1,104	2,220,042	13 20	7,519	9,633
156	Harwich	2,179	1,864,412	18 00	4,545	6,975
157	West Harwich	—	—	—	2,740	6,165
158	Hatfield	2,630	2,111,754	22 00	7,000	—
159	HAVERHILL	49,450	47,219,338	20 20	105,000	208,290
160	Hawley	427	241,004	26 50	1,848	600 ²
161	Heath	383	283,315	21 00	1,648 ²	1,138 ²
162	Hingham	5,264	8,880,283	19 70	15,651	22,142
163	Hinsdale ¹	1,257	798,388	17 70	6,100 ²	4,756
164	Holbrook ¹	2,948	1,869,940	20 85	9,000 ²	18,739
165	Holden	2,514	1,996,988	16 20	7,606	9,637
166	Holland	159	124,434	18 80	1,679	968
167	Holliston	2,788	3,217,523	15 50	9,744	17,991
168	HOLYOKE	60,816	66,459,083	18 40	51,642	126,944
169	Hopedale	2,663	8,768,395	10 00	12,619	33,296
170	Hopkinton	2,475	1,976,526	20 00	6,745	10,342
171	Hubbardston	1,084	803,511	23 40	5,600	6,103
172	Hudson	6,758	4,375,901	22 90	11,419	46,914
173	Hull	2,290	9,698,880	18 30	3,305	6,150

¹ Compiled from last returns.² Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School De- posits.	Other De- posits.	Appro- priation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Period- icals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	\$2,900 00	-	\$560 89	\$1,364 20	\$971 12	138
-	-	-	1,900 00	-	414 85	972 49	517 83	139
-	6	2	7,402 45	\$557 48	1,877 45	3,254 94	2,827 40	140
-	-	-	100 00	43 62	104 38	49 40	1 53	141
1	-	-	1,658 73	356 38	246 39	853 41	651 81	142
-	-	-	637 57	22 01	198 96	192 49	229 54	143
-	1	-	-	180 00	-	50 00	31 88	144
1	-	-	286 23	179 41	58 37	84 96	189 18	145
-	1	-	100 00	-	32 00	30 00	-	146
-	-	-	575 00	55 00	184 16	398 80	19 30	147
-	-	-	-	87 87	54 81	1 05	18 55	148
-	-	-	125 00	31 00	70 65	50 00	41 50	149
1	-	-	53 02	15 80	-	25 00	10 50	150
5	-	-	500 00	1,457 05	427 15	634 75	626 82	151
4	4	-	409 51	225 98	399 02	155 00	70 98	152
-	1	-	50 00	937 69	305 78	225 00	456 91	153
-	1	-	-	1,265 62	255 90	353 00	495 89	154
-	-	1	100 00	1,936 73	505 44	463 00	509 58	155
-	-	-	100 00	260 00	75 92	116 15	212 39	156
-	-	-	-	76 80	36 06	-	40 74	157
-	-	3	400 00	-	183 11	192 11	24 78	158
4	84	4	14,849 97	8,484 19	4,740 86	10,700 63	6,934 15	159
2	8	-	15 00	-	24 09	2 00	3 80	160
-	-	-	131 22	50	60 05	46 00	15 24	161
-	-	-	-	1,888 39	483 64	777 04	584 25	162
-	-	-	384 90	54 56	125 84	111 80	204 96	163
-	-	-	324 85	1,182 83	609 64	402 80	452 45	164
-	5	-	1,200 00	603 44	259 11	660 00	746 94	165
-	-	-	43 81	-	25 68	25 00	31 95	166
1	1	-	1,013 27	62 35	328 61	404 75	342 26	167
-	134	14	15,000 00	609 69	2,607 89	9,216 41	3,706 61	168
1	-	-	3,167 09	1,339 32	661 75	1,902 43	1,047 62	169
-	-	-	-	921 50	353 19	264 00	216 16	170
-	4	-	-	581 95	222 02	174 69	202 98	171
-	-	-	2,027 71	138 49	467 27	1,108 95	589 23	172
-	-	-	1,645 37	301 98	165 47	643 15	773 88	173

* Open during summer months only.

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	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
174	Huntington	1,427	\$787,030	\$23 00	2,763	5,788
175	Ipswich	6,272	5,992,898	22 00	12,286	23,049
176	Kingston	2,580	1,742,990	18 00	9,349	12,025
177	Lakeville	1,491	1,329,415	14 00	2,640	6,000 ¹
178	Lancaster	2,585	7,061,733	11 00	39,706	18,962
179	Lanesborough ²	1,089	817,125	20 00	3,000	1,200
180	LAWRENCE	90,259	82,955,470	18 80	69,248	158,871
181	Lee	4,481	2,926,337	23 00	9,000	10,352
182	Leicester	3,322	2,498,282	22 00	15,580	19,156
183	Lenox	3,242	8,447,289	16 00	24,683	23,558
184	Lenoxdale	—	—	—	—	—
185	LEOMINSTER	17,646	13,877,745	21 00	32,458	79,711
186	Leverett	779	388,645	22 50	2,500	1,504
187	Lexington	5,538	10,100,107	23 00	25,722	48,690
188	Leyden	344	239,662	24 00	2,319	973
189	Lincoln	1,310	4,226,731	13 00	10,228	7,600
190	Littleton	1,228	1,296,035	20 00	13,411	10,065
191	Longmeadow	1,782	4,060,441	13 70	6,552	11,831
192	LOWELL ²	107,978	94,414,073	21 20	95,172	161,780
193	Ludlow ¹	6,251	5,982,087	15 60	3,700 ¹	13,686
194	Lunenburg	1,610	1,678,519	21 70	8,508	11,551
195	LYNN	95,803	95,077,395	21 00	102,302	270,876
196	Lynnfield	1,112	1,399,415	16 60	3,663	5,190
197	MALDEN	48,907	43,846,591	21 40	68,232	235,195
198	Manchester	2,945	21,483,139	11 20	12,232	21,804
199	Mansfield	5,772	4,675,180	20 00	7,200	27,688
200	Marblehead	7,606	11,582,956	19 00	21,469	24,358
201	Marion	1,487	5,785,230	11 00	8,215	11,817
202	MARLBOROUGH	15,250	11,410,670	21 60	31,000 ¹	44,181
203	Marshfield	1,725	2,793,821	17 00	4,742	6,050
204	Marshfield Hills	—	—	—	2,000 ¹	1,500 ¹
205	Mashpee	263	410,490	25 50	1,672	1,403
206	Mattapoisett	1,352	2,698,348	10 50	7,087	9,516
207	Maynard	6,770	4,325,200	20 00	6,496	24,510
208	Medfield ²	3,648	2,501,054	14 80	5,680	8,384
209	MEDFORD	30,509	32,804,100	19 80	50,124	104,890

¹ Approximate.² Compiled from last returns.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	\$317 21	\$7 49	\$199 32	\$71 35	\$25 35	174
-	-	-	-	2,640 65	668 74	1,195 00	500 25	175
-	-	-	650 00	926 00	356 00	546 00	304 00	176
-	-	-	519 28	11 35	82 51	343 18	104 20	177
1	8	3	1,955 33	586 90	663 22	957 10	921 91	178
-	3	-	182 23	7 65	16 90	83 00	2 83	179
1	-	5	21,102 88	1,200 00	3,482 83	11,443 63	7,357 01	180
-	-	-	1,497 95	62 50	287 42	876 00	764 66	181
3	-	-	1,600 00	359 40	495 98	946 21	517 21	182
-	-	-	356 17	1,876 32	586 64	1,900 00	493 68	183
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184
-	-	1	5,709 01	366 02	1,265 63	3,364 08	1,344 03	185
2	-	-	249 88	1 78	60 99	38 34	4 42	186
1	-	-	4,477 69	1,091 75	1,238 38	2,997 70	323 69	187
-	-	-	50 00	50 00	10 80	39 00	8 00	188
-	-	2	1,378 12	509 03	247 47	862 06	617 62	189
1	-	-	660 00	551 20	457 13	405 45	83 03	190
-	1	-	688 17	236 00	431 08	231 60	110 38	191
-	16	2	14,500 00	5,045 41	4,120 77	12,415 84	3,008 80	192
-	-	-	1,000 00	71 58	135 88	321 00	560 84	193
-	-	-	724 61	163 74	379 62	275 00	201 05	194
1	10	10	26,861 00	1,139 00	5,002 92	16,291 89	6,705 09	195
1	-	-	234 78	350 39	94 59	242 63	87 95	196
1	17	6	11,370 00	16,785 49	4,403 40	11,316 60	7,742 26	197
-	-	-	1,856 49	5 25	822 49	652 00	291 50	198
-	-	-	1,000 00	-	451 80	500 00	188 65	199
-	-	-	751 64	989 13	464 78	950 00	231 05	200
-	-	-	300 00	1,578 00	340 00	730 00	750 00	201
-	-	-	5,114 67	471 74	710 49	3,165 72	1,710 00	202
-	-	8	416 16	34 41	47 34	166 15	293 38	203
-	-	-	-	282 43	-	84 75	246 08	204
-	-	-	40 00	-	17 25	15 00	1 29	205
-	-	-	888 39	40 93	335 31	336 00	257 81	206
-	-	-	1,253 70	-	380 79	469 34	293 53	207
-	-	-	206 53	428 21	175 47	187 50	46 95	208
1	87	5	10,900 44	491 77	2,513 88	4,655 00	4,223 33	209

* For eleven months.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
210	Medway ¹	2,846	\$1,854,160	\$25 00	4,753	9,634
211	Dean Library Association	—	—	—	—	—
212	MELROSE	16,880	19,645,150	22 00	18,674	80,314
213	Mendon	933	746,720	18 00	5,635	6,599
214	Merrimac	2,101	1,701,928	20 00	6,000 ²	7,612
215	Methuen	14,007	10,313,550	22 00	21,562	33,964
216	Middleborough	8,631	5,182,925	21 30	20,476	54,116
217	Middlefield	325	218,354	25 00	2,554	1,238
218	Middleton	1,308	959,730	13 50	7,823	9,081
219	Milford	13,684	10,544,929	22 20	20,060	40,757
220	Millbury	5,295	3,341,039	20 00	10,000 ²	29,203
221	Millis ²	1,442	1,556,872	20 00	4,480	6,357
222	Milton	8,600	35,104,044	14 20	27,379	75,735
223	Monroe	296	240,324	20 00	1,064	654
224	Monson	5,004	2,010,835	20 50	13,731	15,600 ²
225	Montague ²	7,925	7,633,754	15 30	7,588	8,139
226	Millers Falls	—	—	—	3,186	6,192
227	Montague City	—	—	—	1,285	2,544
228	Turners Falls	—	—	—	9,926	22,559
229	Monterey	358	414,901	15 00	3,050	1,694
230	Montgomery	230	161,582	20 00	1,121	500
231	Mount Washington	95	151,488	15 50	—	—
232	Nahant	1,387	8,502,644	12 00	—	—
233	Nantucket ²	3,166	5,534,045	16 80	17,993	27,743
234	Natick	11,119	9,412,475	24 00	27,981	59,053
235	South Natick	—	—	—	4,782	5,066
236	Needham	6,542	9,621,795	18 00	16,469	33,965
237	New Ashford	92	76,350	21 50	1,100 ²	1,100
238	NEW BEDFORD	109,568	113,121,793	23 00	154,511	404,240
239	New Braintree	453	431,930	17 80	3,007	1,250
240	New Marlborough	1,030	908,675	20 00	1,500 ²	2,900 ²
241	Southfield	—	—	—	857	240
242	New Salem	625	418,390	22 00	2,455	2,116
243	NEWBURYPORT	15,311	12,602,934	19 20	51,047	54,320
244	South End Reading Room Association.	—	—	—	4,500 ²	12,813
245	NEWTON	43,113	89,041,160	18 90	93,802	328,299

¹ For eleven months.² Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS—*Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
—	—	—	\$411 77	\$24 10	\$130 52	\$77 05	\$225 56	210
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	211
3	1	—	6,425 00	128 04	1,440 97	2,859 37	224 66	212
—	3	—	300 00	12 76	109 51	114 75	60 37	213
1	—	1	400 00	97 70	192 81	215 93	88 74	214
—	10	3	—	—	—	—	—	215
—	—	—	1,874 90	2,987 33	1,298 48	1,840 50	1,549 19	216
—	7	—	109 30	—	83 39	20 00	—	217
—	—	—	—	773 76	98 28	277 75	394 82	218
—	—	—	1,543 58	95 22	478 72	762 44	435 39	219
1	—	—	1,442 46	64 99	394 52	430 00	101 70	220
—	—	—	204 76	10 00	70 24	60 00	52 73	221
3	8	3	10,065 76	1,618 88	1,740 46	6,090 52	3,526 98	222
1	1	—	51 00	—	25 00	18 00	4 00	223
—	7	—	300 00	2,196 48	605 50	600 00	655 60	224
—	—	—	585 00	—	251 89	225 00	130 64	225
—	—	—	619 25	76 80	231 07	130 10	334 88	226
—	—	—	—	48 12	43 25	—	—	227
—	—	—	2,338 50	253 23	864 51	1,062 86	478 19	228
—	3	—	50 00	38 50	50 45	26 00	3 37	229
—	—	—	43 11	—	6 18	7 80	—	230
—	2	—	15 00	—	—	—	—	231
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	232
1	—	—	1,250 00	1,404 24	709 69	1,224 75	1,150 13	233
—	—	—	3,900 00	1,666 91	1,241 80	2,835 05	1,067 60	234
—	—	—	—	1,699 92	121 27	472 58	1,105 64	235
—	1	1	3,109 62	65 50	818 88	1,409 64	946 60	236
—	—	—	22 90	—	—	5 00	5 00	237
3	166	30	28,973 97	19,392 01	9,407 08	26,821 67	8,251 45	238
—	—	—	104 30	—	24 22	14 58	21 90	239
4	—	—	100 00	—	60 00	25 00	15 00	240
—	2	—	—	6 00	—	6 00	—	241
2	6	—	60 00	60 00	38 23	18 70	146 98	242
—	1	—	2,937 47	6,532 50	990 65	4,298 27	23 63	243
—	—	—	—	842 27	105 05	72 87	664 35	244
8	35	1	31,750 00	2,474 56	8,772 71	16,472 77	7,667 01	245

* Compiled from last returns.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Population, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circulation, Home Use.
246	Norfolk	1,268	\$1,185,361	\$16 40	2,334	3,184
247	NORTH ADAMS	22,035	16,796,445	21 10	37,382	98,734
248	North Andover	5,956	6,023,648	22 00	14,050	23,216
249	North Attleborough	9,398	9,360,290	22 00	14,387	50,068
250	North Brookfield	2,947	2,005,955	16 70	9,711	17,452
251	North Reading	1,292	1,037,042	22 50	6,005	8,907
252	NORTHAMPTON ¹	21,654	19,474,339	19 80	41,338	57,510
253	<i>Florence</i>	—	—	—	7,000 ²	19,795
254	<i>Forbes Library</i>	—	—	—	129,927	83,376
255	Northborough	1,797	2,077,049	15 50	14,550	14,403
256	Northbridge	9,254	5,808,727	18 00	11,298	23,354
257	Northfield	1,782	1,514,637	22 00	8,088	12,396
258	<i>Northfield Farms</i>	—	—	—	1,858	1,439
259	Norton	2,587	1,699,250	20 40	7,948	11,798
260	Norwell ²	1,563	1,342,412	19 80	5,000 ²	3,594
261	Norwood	10,977	17,074,710	12 80	17,979	54,024
262	Oak Bluffs ²	1,245	2,052,775	23 00	4,000 ²	—
263	Oakham	527	370,980	22 30	2,573	2,853
264	Orange	5,379	4,067,300	22 00	14,304	52,380
265	Orleans	1,166	5,794,690	4 50	6,053	8,641
266	Otis	442	340,808	20 30	1,702	1,985
267	Oxford	3,476	2,125,671	18 50	11,955	15,088
268	Palmer	9,468	5,567,419	23 70	11,194	53,662
269	Paxton	471	432,184	19 00	3,043	2,957
270	PEABODY ⁴	18,625	15,981,100	22 60	47,032	30,244
271	<i>Eben Dale Sutton Library</i>	—	—	—	4,527	—
272	Pelham	499	495,841	15 50	1,103	400
273	Pembroke	1,337	1,300,625	24 60	3,637	8,002
274	<i>Bryantville</i>	—	—	—	4,987	10,811
275	Pepperell	2,839	2,389,995	22 90	17,844	11,751
276	Peru	195	201,612	17 50	1,500 ²	998
277	Petersham	727	1,171,836	16 50	9,000 ²	5,583
278	Phillipston	390	319,695	19 20	6,695	2,205
279	PITTSFIELD	39,607	41,105,890	22 60	66,000	100,896
280	Plainfield	375	194,989	21 00	2,375	2,788
281	Plainville	1,408	1,070,032	21 00	3,750 ²	3,997

¹ Consolidated with Forbes Library, Dec. 1, 1916.² Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	\$175 00	-	\$112 03	\$48 64	\$18 60	246
4	5	2	7,000 00	\$419 14	2,060 77	3,597 59	1,695 74	247
-	-	1	3,219 82	677 61	603 69	2,204 50	766 65	248
-	2	-	3,500 00	203 20	1,212 46	1,563 68	1,155 51	249
-	-	-	1,500 00	602 27	365 97	743 75	992 55	250
1	1	-	213 63	112 50	111 58	161 00	4 50	251
1	-	-	2,300 00	2,740 80	930 01	2,130 11	1,980 68	252
-	-	-	472 00	1,094 00	345 00	609 00	588 00	253
2	5	4	7,000 00	17,794 21	12,301 44	8,997 11	3,294 12	254
-	-	-	482 06	1,215 94	719 44	575 00	404 56	255
-	6	2	2,500 00	180 15	202 02	1,517 90	780 45	256
-	-	-	300 00	1,220 64	405 02	331 00	269 80	257
-	-	-	-	100 00	92 99	26 00	-	258
-	2	1	400 00	365 00	202 53	290 00	192 15	259
-	-	-	100 00	500 67	131 68	228 52	142 81	260
-	1	1	4,437 06	238 31	832 85	2,538 34	1,251 98	261
-	-	-	450 00	-	150 00	161 25	125 00	262
-	-	1	414 00	-	57 75	220 00	136 25	263
1	-	-	2,700 00	189 42	679 32	1,513 56	696 54	264
-	-	-	900 00	224 94	337 89	300 00	623 65	265
-	4	-	100 00	3 14	-	52 00	32 89	266
1	-	-	1,147 91	50 00	268 93	553 80	375 18	267
-	3	3	2,500 00	770 08	930 28	1,065 50	1,243 13	268
-	-	-	83 62	7 00	52 65	40 00	-	269
-	-	-	-	3,409 12	1,073 82	1,616 29	513 19	270
-	-	-	-	1,420 73	-	472 34	793 81	271
2	4	-	75 00	-	-	32 00	-	272
1	6	-	226 58	98 58	201 60	50 00	41 55	273
-	9	-	-	1,014 24	397 12	159 50	274 73	274
-	-	-	-	3,279 49	291 28	1,275 54	376 48	275
-	-	-	57 49	-	32 17	10 00	3 55	276
-	-	-	200 00	1,409 78	105 28	412 39	1,092 11	277
-	4	-	52 00	209 64	181 27	52 00	36	278
-	-	-	10,000 00	1,916 78	1,684 28	8,324 62	2,947 87	279
1	-	-	75 00	-	24 50	26 55	26 03	280
1	1	-	400 00	7 30	241 38	55 00	53 57	281

³ From last returns.⁴ For eleven months.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
282	Plymouth	12,926	\$15,162,070	\$18 40	18,000 ¹	26,175
283	Manomet	—	—	—	1,200	2,295
284	Plympton	599	471,435	16 00	2,406	3,294
285	Prescott	299	217,020	19 00	2,886	1,490
286	Princeton	800	2,247,466	12 60	8,175	5,542
287	Provincetown	4,295	2,759,326	22 00	14,000	15,408
288	QUINCY ²	40,674	62,638,230	17 20	37,153	161,477
289	Randolph	4,734	2,879,100	23 80	25,872	32,375
290	Raynham	1,810	998,635	13 70	2,365	3,751
291	Reading	6,805	8,256,095	20 60	9,122	25,668
292	Rehoboth	2,228	1,081,447	17 10	1,200	1,821
293	REVERE	25,178	23,760,600	23 00	15,223	47,046
294	Richmond	564	625,305	25 30	3,455	3,102
295	Rochester	1,160	1,060,360	20 00	4,518	5,287
296	Rockland	7,074	5,508,846	21 00	14,295	36,258
297	Rockport	4,351	4,159,090	18 00	7,756	17,724
298	Pigeon Cove ²	—	—	—	2,027	2,000
299	Rowe ²	424	262,525	22 50	2,990	2,860
300	Rowley	1,481	2,311,069	10 00	5,060	7,839
301	Royalston	862	756,002	19 40	3,927	6,418
302	West Royalston	—	—	—	—	—
303	Russell	1,104	1,824,111	15 00	2,246	2,443
304	Rutland	1,895	929,797	22 00	3,032	3,640
305	SALEM	37,200	43,816,450	22 90	63,545	148,172
306	Salisbury	1,717	1,789,495	21 20	3,200 ¹	8,988
307	Sandisfield	564	441,324	22 00	1,950	—
308	Sandwich	1,500	1,541,950	23 30	6,300 ¹	10,603
309	Saugus	10,226	7,250,809	24 30	11,689	28,538
310	Savoy	524	195,860	28 00	1,228	2,045
311	Scituate	2,661	6,055,475	18 50	3,000	7,500
312	North Scituate	—	—	—	5,300	4,600
313	Seekonk ⁴	2,767	2,087,910	16 50	2,745	2,204
314	Sharon	2,468	3,900,627	18 30	7,208	16,136
315	Sheffield	1,862	1,133,715	17 50	3,500 ¹	4,166
316	Shelburne	1,484	1,971,360	18 00	5,501	3,231
317	Shelburne Falls	—	—	—	10,460	22,225

¹ Approximate.² Compiled from last returns.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
—	—	—	\$2,024 64	\$902 02	\$493 53	\$1,590 28	\$860 33	282
—	2	—	250 00	166 25	109 85	113 35	58 15	283
—	1	—	150 00	30 09	71 70	60 25	42 67	284
2	3	—	25 00	—	—	15 00	95	285
—	2	2	350 00	401 00	340 00	192 00	138 00	286
—	—	—	760 34	206 25	215 60	487 50	169 06	287
2	7	2	14,444 69	1,429 94	2,725 63	8,181 92	5,822 30	288
—	1	—	150 00	2,197 84	538 17	1,181 40	793 86	289
—	—	—	149 29	10 15	73 95	56 50	18 35	290
—	—	—	2,987 95	84 00	567 24	600 34	1,314 33	291
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	292
—	2	4	5,000 00	45 00	1,288 69	2,240 59	1,515 72	293
1	4	—	175 00	9 65	71 27	100 00	—	294
1	4	—	250 00	183 19	360 10	65 00	6 01	295
—	—	—	2,314 84	123 94	681 22	1,198 31	559 25	296
—	—	—	1,000 00	287 79	218 70	618 90	395 11	297
—	—	—	150 00	—	13 62	120 00	28 40	298
—	—	—	50 00	97 94	85 82	50 00	10 60	299
—	—	—	125 00	24 24	173 48	100 00	3 38	300
—	—	1	180 00	66 97	63 71	140 00	53 68	301
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	302
2	1	—	300 00	—	131 59	142 75	260 07	303
—	2	—	253 51	177 04	205 38	136 00	40 41	304
3	—	—	16,400 00	2,400 27	3,448 33	10,418 63	4,061 53	305
—	—	—	400 00	—	191 46	117 90	114 22	306
—	—	—	50 00	—	17 00	17 50	15 34	307
1	—	—	50 00	1,593 41	525 33	738 00	332 55	308
2	4	—	1,400 00	—	449 13	495 20	455 67	309
3	7	—	57 00	—	57 00	—	—	310
—	—	—	500 00	102 00	172 67	376 00	195 18	311
—	—	—	500 00	62 82	150 00	152 00	255 95	312
1	—	—	200 00	—	1 48	52 00	—	313
—	8	—	1,311 28	219 24	459 05	760 02	483 87	314
—	—	—	175 00	154 90	184 18	84 80	60 92	315
—	—	—	300 00	—	259 44	60 00	37 48	316
—	—	—	800 00	592 50	590 83	518 00	375 31	317

* For ten months.

* For seven months.

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	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
318	Sherborn	1,696	\$2,522,610	\$11 10	7,000	6,040
319	Shirley	2,251	1,360,612	18 30	6,136	7,390
320	Shrewsbury	2,794	3,330,054	17 50	10,932	17,145
321	Shutesbury	292	355,144	16 00	1,250	616
322	Somerset	3,377	1,871,088	22 00	3,000	9,630
323	SOMERVILLE ¹	86,854	79,304,329	21 40	110,109	425,000
324	South Hadley ¹	5,179	3,559,931	25 00	6,773	15,223
325	South Hadley Falls	—	—	—	5,546	18,199
326	Southampton	950	586,671	20 70	5,313	4,066
327	Southborough ¹	1,898	2,464,097	17 20	12,761	8,219
328	Southbridge	14,217	8,555,614	21 80	22,000	46,121
329	Southwick	1,365	980,090	18 50	3,151	5,075
330	Spencer	5,994	3,651,028	18 00	13,565	18,670
331	SPRINGFIELD ²	102,971	200,984,852	17 80	214,558	813,921
332	Sterling	1,403	1,376,990	23 00	9,412	7,835
333	Stockbridge	1,901	4,570,045	16 80	10,595	13,876
334	Stoneham	7,489	6,214,765	24 20	14,590	33,566
335	Stoughton	6,982	4,747,017	22 10	17,695	29,122
336	Stow	1,127	1,154,722	16 50	6,000 ³	—
337	Sturbridge	1,618	956,325	21 20	9,550	10,602
338	Sudbury ¹	1,206	1,642,965	17 00	10,386	6,374
339	Sunderland	1,278	735,401	20 80	6,016	7,402
340	Sutton	2,829	1,545,523	23 50	4,500	3,955
341	Swampscott	7,345	16,460,513	20 00	11,528	31,903
342	Swansea	2,558	2,017,322	21 40	7,386	10,698
343	TAUNTON	36,161	27,611,174	20 40	67,378	105,048
344	Templeton ⁴	4,081	2,047,645	24 40	10,502	31,584
345	Tewksbury	5,265	2,467,387	15 00	5,300	13,444
346	Tisbury	1,324	2,251,331	14 00	6,000 ³	5,955
347	Tolland ¹	199	272,702	15 00	1,265	130
348	Topsfield	1,173	5,151,119	7 70	12,051	7,253
349	Townsend	1,812	1,460,076	18 80	7,262	10,562
350	Townsend Hill	—	—	—	472	500 ³
351	West Townsend	—	—	—	—	—
352	Truro	663	542,815	15 00	5,063	7,210
353	Tyngsborough	967	821,405	18 50	7,822	7,164

¹ Compiled from last returns.² Total income includes appropriation for maintenance of museums.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	-	-	\$1,320 20	\$68 54	\$170 99	\$763 42	\$426 73	318
-	-	1	526 87	14 10	256 21	204 18	83 88	319
-	2	1	978 44	1,372 66	594 65	885 10	579 20	320
-	2	-	55 98	-	11 70	13 00	2 56	321
1	1	1	300 00	31 00	153 56	168 45	107 49	322
3	230	19	43,230 70	1,920 72	10,799 92	24,219 84	10,131 66	323
-	-	-	600 00	-	400 00	200 00	-	324
-	-	-	1,600 00	-	397 25	465 00	301 94	325
-	4	-	269 95	62 06	77 71	55 00	53 45	326
1	-	1	2,113 28	90 54	764 87	734 90	585 76	327
-	-	5	4,000 00	40 36	735 83	2,074 63	1,228 93	328
-	10	-	350 00	-	130 60	135 00	74 54	329
-	6	1	-	4,252 72	484 70	694 99	181 23	330
3	325	32	69,985 13	13,707 96	14,913 50	39,001 19	15,255 02	331
-	-	-	320 22	294 42	251 60	129 00	228 49	332
2	-	-	1,339 63	427 70	336 95	975 56	431 08	333
-	-	-	2,218 68	279 16	672 68	1,229 92	595 24	334
-	1	2	1,849 00	1,000 00	1,000 00	1,200 00	649 00	335
-	-	-	-	500 00	143 00	175 00	-	336
2	-	1	821 25	1 54	452 75	262 00	83 93	337
1	1	-	100 00	650 00	229 29	286 17	222 90	338
-	-	-	274 14	246 45	224 96	262 76	104 18	339
4	-	-	232 00	-	175 00	50 00	-	340
-	-	-	1,400 00	-	680 50	680 60	38 90	341
-	-	4	600 00	288 63	309 84	378 60	200 19	342
-	-	2	10,530 00	80 80	3,199 28	4,902 08	2,498 25	343
3	-	-	758 93	472 77	428 24	556 55	202 38	344
4	1	-	575 45	50 09	258 68	278 63	88 23	345
-	-	-	200 00	100 90	50 00	123 00	57 22	346
-	1	-	15 00	-	-	5 00	-	347
-	-	-	-	615 50	354 02	110 00	4 57	348
-	-	2	470 14	259 48	290 46	276 86	79 54	349
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	350
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	351
2	1	-	261 47	412 39	50 65	192 00	431 21	352
-	-	1	172 78	522 65	169 24	209 00	252 20	353

* Approximate.

* For ten months.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
354	Tyringham	327	\$354,378	\$18 80	2,055	1,014
355	Upton	2,036	1,310,774	19 00	6,763	16,237
356	Uxbridge	4,921	4,629,095	16 50	12,871	18,738
357	Wakefield	12,781	12,824,446	23 20	18,132	78,266
358	Wales	337	267,185	17 50	2,049	1,952
359	Walpole	5,490	7,636,198	19 20	14,538	33,479
360	WALTHAM	30,154	32,041,150	20 60	44,064	136,018
361	Ware	9,346	5,442,220	21 50	13,524	35,496
362	Wareham	5,176	6,474,982	20 00	4,653	11,158
363	Warren	4,268	2,672,426	18 60	12,187	13,974
364	Warwick	477	470,519	21 50	6,069	5,138
365	Washington ¹	275	293,454	19 00	533	185
366	Watertown ¹	16,515	20,899,592	20 50	44,556	72,500
367	Wayland	2,033	3,099,886	18 20	-	-
368	Webster	12,565	9,131,063	15 70	11,896	35,739
369	Wellesley	6,439	21,680,241	12 00	19,271	33,921
370	Wellfleet	936	851,285	18 00	2,918	6,983
371	Wendell	388	559,708	16 00	1,842	2,415
372	Wenham	1,068	3,654,750	8 80	6,000 ²	6,748
373	West Boylston	1,318	1,120,073	14 20	9,355	9,359
374	West Bridgewater	2,741	1,850,813	18 00	7,515	9,880
375	West Brookfield	1,288	1,046,225	23 00	10,852	16,007
376	West Newbury	1,529	1,124,810	20 00	6,500 ²	7,653
377	West Springfield	11,339	11,281,612	19 40	10,367	21,163
378	West Stockbridge	1,277	642,293	22 50	3,197	5,864
379	West Tisbury	441	639,632	6 00	2,800 ²	500 ²
380	Westborough	5,925	3,319,208	21 70	18,165	44,175
381	Westfield	18,411	12,848,808	21 80	31,359	90,620
382	Westford	2,843	2,469,527	15 50	15,892	13,894
383	Westhampton	430	272,750	22 50	5,200	1,500
384	Westminster	1,594	1,008,750	21 70	8,702	11,648
385	Weston ²	2,342	,900,139	12 50	22,398	17,548
386	Westport	3,262	2,648,575	19 60	-	-
387	Head of Westport	-	-	-	2,795	2,739
388	Westport Point	-	-	-	1,500 ²	3,000 ²
389	Westwood	1,448	5,924,108	9 60	4,872	5,809

¹ Compiled from last returns.² Approximate.

IN MASSACHUSETTS—*Continued.*

Branches.	School Deposits.	Other Deposits.	Appropriation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Periodicals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
—	—	—	\$100 00	\$106 07	—	\$43 50	\$107 40	354
—	—	—	425 15	2 43	\$228 66	130 00	68 16	355
—	6	1	1,468 07	820 25	280 61	800 00	1,207 71	356
1	—	—	2,674 87	381 58	767 21	1,385 80	903 43	357
—	2	—	100 00	22 27	55 15	40 00	15 20	358
1	1	2	3,000 00	250 07	762 87	1,695 78	791 42	359
—	31	8	9,628 68	299 87	3,077 60	5,267 13	1,618 80	360
—	1	—	2,071 59	709 06	933 44	908 00	1,000 52	361
—	—	—	826 36	1,389 53	312 34	175 00	443 24	362
—	—	—	840 93	695 70	358 90	580 00	549 83	363
—	1	3	103 00	225 66	124 75	55 50	35 83	364
—	3	—	25 00	—	—	10 00	22 00	365
—	—	2	6,700 00	250 00	1,141 75	3,926 90	1,731 35	366
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	367
—	—	—	2,800 00	88 57	679 30	1,007 20	1,107 43	368
1	—	—	4,253 07	1,175 04	1,252 13	2,652 55	1,523 36	369
—	—	—	248 14	41 33	85 44	140 00	55 96	370
1	1	—	65 24	3 25	15 48	30 00	3 38	371
—	—	2	400 00	28 07	92 11	320 00	25 21	372
—	—	1	1,315 45	53 66	214 30	707 20	651 88	373
—	—	—	661 47	129 08	281 74	264 52	206 03	374
—	—	—	574 60	510 59	403 78	467 57	213 03	375
1	—	—	900 00	63 15	172 92	246 00	322 05	376
—	23	—	2,500 00	28 00	631 54	756 03	213 24	377
—	4	—	254 58	10 00	134 54	85 75	42 18	378
—	2	—	17 16	66 99	30 00	25 00	29 15	379
—	—	2	827 81	1,699 14	619 33	1,517 44	661 07	380
—	15	5	6,660 40	593 00	1,556 00	3,938 00	1,789 00	381
—	3	3	1,364 32	413 78	339 62	792 55	597 42	382
—	5	—	81 04	36 00	62 57	30 00	9 10	383
—	—	—	719 66	243 52	395 23	305 00	239 35	384
1	4	—	2,550 00	826 00	1,019 00	1,311 00	1,046 00	385
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	386
—	—	—	100 00	13 15	28 64	—	14 80	387
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	388
1	—	—	515 39	50 30	174 00	215 00	62 69	389

* For ten months.

STATISTICS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

	CITIES AND TOWNS.	Popu- lation, 1915.	Valuation, 1916.	Rate of Tax per \$1,000.	Bound Volumes.	Circu- lation, Home Use.
390	Weymouth	13,969	\$12,981,333	\$21 00	29,755	58,546
391	<i>South Weymouth</i> ¹	—	—	—	7,411	17,633
392	Whately	1,118	753,202	26 50	2,764 ²	—
393	Whitman	7,520	6,157,144	20 00	14,883	30,204
394	Wilbraham	2,521	1,606,297	12 00	3,028	6,541
395	Williamsburg ¹	2,118	1,220,040	21 50	8,600	8,281
396	<i>Haydenville</i>	—	—	—	2,592	10,900
397	Williamstown	3,981	5,444,315	14 50	8,048	6,853
398	<i>South Williamstown</i>	—	—	—	2,802	1,925
399	Wilmington	2,330	2,187,710	21 70	5,117	10,214
400	Winchendon	5,908	4,457,924	21 00	12,329	30,122
401	Winchester	10,005	19,449,675	18 40	22,122	59,881
402	Windsor ¹	375	202,322	21 40	1,405	545
403	Winthrop	12,758	17,193,800	21 20	13,712	47,889
404	WOBURN	16,410	13,935,368	22 30	48,428	71,140
405	<i>North Woburn</i>	—	—	—	2,091	4,920
406	WORCESTER	162,697	188,552,673	20 00	227,843	687,085
407	Worthington	618	380,597	21 30	3,692	2,380
408	Wrentham	2,414	1,645,998	20 00	6,142	10,000
409	Yarmouth	1,415	2,561,259	15 20	9,307	3,800
410	<i>South Yarmouth</i> ¹	—	—	—	4,314	2,500 ²
411	<i>West Yarmouth</i>	—	—	—	2,000 ²	2,169

¹ Compiled from last returns.

IN MASSACHUSETTS — *Concluded.*

Branches.	School De- posits.	Other De- posits.	Appro- priation and Dog Tax.	Income from Other Sources.	Books and Period- icals.	Salaries and Service.	Other Expenses.	
-	6	7	\$2,945 44	\$2,252 27	\$1,113 81	\$1,907 36	\$2,173 47	390
-	-	-	500 00	1,128 36	82 26	680 00	758 81	391
2	-	-	222 20	-	112 39	75 25	4 59	392
-	-	-	2,300 00	546 36	718 61	1,094 78	777 31	393
2	6	-	500 00	146 00	116 33	94 00	279 43	394
-	-	-	-	615 00	163 61	260 00	262 18	395
-	-	-	200 00	11 00	105 00	30 00	60 00	396
-	-	-	1,144 18	49 05	260 83	686 77	245 63	397
-	-	-	212 35	-	152 95	59 40	-	398
-	-	-	400 00	58 47	216 12	151 25	106 76	399
-	-	-	2,500 00	-	483 15	1,035 82	987 21	400
-	-	-	4,300 00	-	1,575 80	1,926 90	790 16	401
3	-	1	15 00	-	8 42	-	2 70	402
-	-	2	4,200 00	259 71	965 34	2,167 60	1,326 77	403
-	4	2	5,500 00	2,596 51	1,315 70	4,005 01	2,322 03	404
-	-	-	-	846 01	85 05	240 00	226 55	405
3	58	30	65,520 84	5,614 02	19,600 06	39,980 20	11,515 23	406
-	4	-	-	1,080 20	35 55	83 70	634 39	407
-	-	1	550 00	268 75	229 65	406 96	197 19	408
-	-	-	57 74	925 00	333 62	168 75	176 22	409
-	-	-	69 56	48 19	34 21	26 25	11 40	410
-	-	-	69 57	15 00	25 00	20 00	12 48	411

* Approximate.

APPENDIX III

A ROLL OF HONOR

GIVERS OF FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MASSACHUSETTS

Acton	Hon. William A. Wilde of Malden.
West Acton	Gift of Phineas Wetherbee.
Adams	Memorial Hall, enlarged by bequest of Columbus N. Miller.
Agawam (Feeding Hills)	Fred P. Halliday.
Amesbury	Mary A. Barnard and others.
Amherst	Mrs. Parnell Munson of Springfield, in memory of her husband.
Amherst, North	Mainly the gift of citizens.
Andover	John Smith, John Dove and others.
Arlington	Mrs. Maria C. Robbins of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her hus- band.
Ashburnham	George F. Stevens.
Ashby	Edwin Chapman of Boston.
Ashfield	M. M. Belding.
Ashland	Andrew Carnegie.
Athol	Andrew Carnegie and others; site given by L. S. Starrett.
Attleboro	J. L. Sweet and others.
Auburn	Leander H. Merriam.
Ayer	Frederick F. Ayer of New York.
Barnstable	Hon. William Sturgis of Boston.
Centerville	Citizens and summer residents.
Cotuit	Citizens and summer residents.
Hyannis	Edward L. Eagleston.
Marstons Mills	Citizens and summer residents.
Osterville	W. L. Garrison and others.
West Barnstable	Citizens and summer residents.

Barre	Henry Woods of Boston.
Becket	Blanche Perkins, as a memorial of her parents.
Belchertown	John Francis Clapp.
Belmont	Henry O. Underwood.
Berkley	Andrew Carnegie.
Bernardston	Hon. Henry W. Cushman and Hon. John Sanderson.
Billerica	Mrs. Joshua Bennett.
Blandford	Mrs. Josephine E. S. Porter of Hart- ford, as a memorial of her son, Edgar Sheffield Porter.
Bolton	Annie Eliza Whitney of Lancaster.
Boston: —	
Brighton Branch	J. B. Houghton.
Roxbury Branch	Caleb Fellowes.
Bourne	Emily H. Bourne, as a memorial of her father, the Hon. Jonathan Bourne.
Boxford	Prof. George H. Palmer and others.
West Boxford	George E. Davis.
Boylston	Salome E. White of Brooklyn, N. Y., as a memorial of her mother, Mrs. Harriet Sawyer White.
Braintree	Gen. Sylvanus Thayer.
Brewster	Joseph Nickerson.
Bridgewater	Citizens and town, as a soldiers' memo- rial.
Brimfield	James Danielson Lincoln, as a memo- rial of his mother and his wife.
Brockton	Andrew Carnegie.
Brookfield	William A. Banister of New York.
Buckland	A. C. Hodges and others.
Cambridge	Frederick H. Rindge of Los Angeles.
Canton	Augustus Hemenway.
Carlisle	Mrs. Joanna Gleason of Sudbury.
Charlemont ¹	E. R. Goodnow and others.
Charlton ¹	W. H. Dexter of Worcester.
Chatham	Hon. Marcellus Eldredge.
Chelmsford	Amos F. Adams of Boston.
North Chelmsford	Library Association.

¹ Town hall.

Chelsea	Hon. Eustace C. Fitz, 1885; destroyed in the fire of 1908; Andrew Carnegie, 1908.
Chicopee	Mrs. Justin Spaulding and others.
Clinton	Andrew Carnegie.
Cohasset	Harriet E. Pratt, as a memorial of Paul Pratt.
Nantasket	Summer residents and town.
Colrain	Joseph Griswold of Greenfield.
Concord	William Munroe.
Conway	Hon. Marshall Field of Chicago, as a memorial of his parents.
Cummington	William Cullen Bryant.
Dalton	Crane family.
Danvers	George Peabody.
Dartmouth, South	John H. Southworth of Springfield.
Dedham	Hannah Shuttleworth, John Bullard and others.
Deerfield	Mrs. Esther Dickinson.
South Deerfield	Chauncy B. Tilton.
Dennis	Jacob Sears.
Dighton	Andrew Carnegie.
Douglas	James M. Fairfield of Boston, as a memorial of his parents, Simon and Phœbe Churchill Fairfield.
Dudley (Conant Library)	Hezekiah Conant of Pawtucket.
Dunstable ¹	Mrs. Sarah Roby.
Duxbury	Mrs. George W. Wright, as a memorial of her son, George Buckham Wright.
East Bridgewater	Cyrus Washburn of Wellesley.
Eastham	Village Improvement Society.
Easthampton	Mrs. Emily G. Williston.
Easton	Hon. Oliver Ames and Mrs. Sarah L. Ames.
Edgartown	Andrew Carnegie.
Essex	T. O. H. P. Burnham of Boston.
Everett	Albert M. Parlin, as a memorial of his son.
East Everett	William Shute.
Fairhaven	Henry H. and Abbie P. Rogers, as a memorial of their daughter Millicent.

¹ Town hall.

Falmouth, West	Young People's Union.
Woods Hole	Citizens and summer visitors.
Fitchburg	Hon. Rodney Wallace.
Franklin	Mrs. A. W. Pierce and Mrs. A. D. Thayer.
Freetown	Mrs. E. Florence Hathaway Crowell, as a memorial of her father, Hon. Guilford B. Hathaway.
Gardner	Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Greenwood and Calvin Heywood.
Georgetown	George Peabody.
Gloucester	Samuel E. Sawyer.
Magnolia	Library Association.
Goshen	John James fund and James family.
Granby	Andrew Carnegie.
Granville	Milton B. Whitney of Westfield and others.
Great Barrington	Mrs. Mary F. Mason.
Housatonic	Heirs of Thomas G. Ramsdell.
Groton	Partly the gift of Mrs. Charlotte A. L. Sibley.
Groveland	Capt. J. G. B. Adams.
South Groveland	Hon. E. J. M. Hale of Haverhill.
Hadley	John Dwight and others.
Hamilton (Asbury Grove)	Subscription in memory of Rev. Lewis Benton Bates.
Hanover	John Curtis and his daughter, Alice M. Curtis of Milton.
Hardwick	Rev. Lucius R. Paige of Cambridge.
Gilbertville	Col. Edward H. Gilbert.
Harvard	Mrs. A. J. Sawyer and others, aided by town.
Harwich	H. C. Brooks.
West Harwich	Caleb Chase.
Hatfield	Samuel H. Dickinson.
Haverhill	Hon. E. J. M. Hale and others.
Heath	Ellsworth Sawyer and others.
Hingham	Albert Fearing.
Hinsdale	Plunkett family and others.
Holbrook ¹	E. N. Holbrook.
Holden	Hon. Samuel C. Gale of Minneapolis.
Holliston	Andrew Carnegie.

¹ Memorial hall and quarters for G. A. R. post.

Holyoke	Citizens.
Hopedale	Joseph B. Bancroft, as a memorial of his wife, Sylvia Thwing Bancroft.
Hopkinton	John Quincy Adams of Wheaton, Ill., and others.
Hubbardston	Jonas G. Clark of Worcester.
Hudson	Andrew Carnegie.
Ipswich	Augustine Heard.
Kingston	Frederic C. Adams.
Lakeville	Andrew Carnegie and Ladies' Library Association.
Lancaster	Mainly the gift of Nathaniel Thayer and his sons.
Lanesborough	Mrs. Maria H. Newton.
Lawrence	Mrs. N. G. White and E. A. White.
Lee	Andrew Carnegie.
Leicester	Lory S. Watson, Dr. Pliny Earle, David E. Merriam and others.
Lenox	Mrs. Adeline A. Schermerhorn.
Lenoxdale	Mrs. Joseph White.
Leominster	Andrew Carnegie.
Leverett	Mrs. Judson Field, in memory of her father, Bradford Field.
Lexington	Alice B. Cary.
Leyden	James Robertson; site given by A. J. Shattuck.
Lincoln	George Grosvenor Tarbell.
Littleton	Children of William Stevens Houghton, as a memorial of their father.
Longmeadow	Sarah W. Storrs and others.
Ludlow	Heirs of Charles T. Hubbard.
Lunenburg	Catherine E. Watson of Boston.
Lynn	Mrs. Elizabeth M. Shute and others.
Houghton Branch	Andrew Carnegie.
Wyoma Branch	Andrew Carnegie.
Malden	Hon. Elisha S. Converse and his wife, as a memorial of their son, Frank Eugene Converse.
Manchester ¹	Thomas Jefferson Coolidge.
Mansfield	Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble and others.
Marblehead ²	Benjamin Abbot of Boston.
Marion	Mrs. Elizabeth Taber of New Bedford.

¹ Memorial hall and quarters for G. A. R. post.² Town hall.

Marlborough . . .	Andrew Carnegie, J. A. Frye, S. H. Howe and others.
Marshfield . . .	Seth J. Ventress.
Marshfield Hills . .	Clift Rogers.
Mattapoissett . . .	George Purrington, Jr.
Medfield . . .	Granville F. Dailey.
Medford . . .	Thatcher Magoun.
Children's Library .	Mrs. Samuel Crocker Lawrence, as a memorial of her husband.
Medway, Dean Library	
Association . . .	Subscription.
Melrose . . .	Andrew Carnegie.
Merrimac ¹ . . .	W. P. Sargent.
Methuen . . .	Heirs of David Nevins.
Middleborough . . .	Thomas S. Pierce.
Middleton . . .	Hon. Charles L. Flint.
Millbury . . .	Andrew Carnegie; site given by Miss Delia Torrey.
Millis . . .	Heirs of Lansing Millis.
Monson . . .	Mrs. Carrie R. Dale, as a memorial of her father, Horatio Lyon.
Montague (Montague City)	Ladies Industrial Society and others.
Turners Falls . . .	Andrew Carnegie.
Monterey . . .	Improvement Society.
Nantucket . . .	Proprietors of Athenæum.
Natick . . .	Mary Ann Morse.
South Natick . . .	Oliver Bacon.
Needham . . .	Andrew Carnegie, Wm. Carter and town appropriation.
Newburyport . . .	Association of citizens and natives; annex added by Michael R. Simpson and others, 1881.
South Newburyport .	William H. Swasey and others.
Newton . . .	J. Wiley Edmunds and others.
North Adams . . .	Hon. Albert C. Houghton, as a memorial of his brother, Andrew Jackson Houghton.
North Andover . . .	Hon. Moses T. Stevens.
North Attleborough .	Children of Edmund I. and Lucy N. Richards.
North Brookfield . .	Mainly gift of Erasmus Haston.
North Reading . . .	Mrs. Charles F. Flint.

¹ Town hall.

Northampton ¹	John Clark and others and town.
Florence	Alfred T. Lilly.
Forbes Library	Charles E. Forbes.
Northborough	Cyrus Gale.
Northbridge	Edward and A. T. Whitin.
Northfield	Elijah M. Dickinson of Fitchburg.
Northfield Farms	Roswell Field.
Norton	Mrs. Eliza B. Wheaton.
Norwell	Citizens and First Parish.
Norwood	George H. Morrill and wife, as a memorial of their daughter, Sarah Bond Morrill.
Oakham	Charles A. Fobes, as a memorial of his father, P. Ames Fobes; and Mrs. Celia E. Fobes and Mrs. Harriet Gifford, in memory of Hiram and Hiram Nye Fobes.
Orange	Mrs. Almira E. Wheeler.
Orleans	Citizens, summer residents and town.
Oxford	Charles Larned of Boston.
Peabody	George Peabody.
Pembroke (Bryantville)	Mrs. Rozilla Cobb.
Pepperell	Charles F. Lawrence of New York.
Petersham	Citizens, summer visitors and town.
Pittsfield	Hon. Thomas Allen and Phineas Allen.
Plymouth	Daughters of William G. Russell.
Plympton	Library Association and others.
Princeton	Edward A. Goodnow, as a family memorial.
Provincetown	Hon. Nathan Freeman.
Quincy	Heirs of Thomas Crane.
Randolph	Heirs of Col. Royal Turner.
Reading	Andrew Carnegie and town appropriation.
Rehoboth ¹	Lyman and Darius Goff and Antiquarian Society of Rehoboth.
Revere	Andrew Carnegie.
Rochester	Mrs. Elizabeth Leonard of New Bedford and others.
Rockland	Andrew Carnegie.
Rockport	Andrew Carnegie.

¹ Town hall.

Rowley	D. E. Smith and town appropriation.
Royalston	Phineas S. Newton.
Salem	Heirs of Capt. John Bertram.
Sandwich	Mr. and Mrs. William H. Weston of Plymouth.
Saugus	Andrew Carnegie.
Scituate	George Otis Allen and Cornelia Maria Allen, in memory of their parents.
North Scituate	Silas Peirce of Boston, as a memorial of his wife.
Sharon	Andrew Carnegie and citizens.
Shelburne Falls	Francis R. and Lydia Taft Pratt of Greenfield, in memory of their parents.
Sherborn	W. B. H. Dowse, in memory of his parents.
Shirley	Mrs. Betsey D. Hazen and town.
Shrewsbury	Jubal Howe.
Shutesbury	Mirick N. Spear of Amherst.
Somerset	Mrs. Sarah Hood.
Somerville	Andrew Carnegie.
East Somerville	Andrew Carnegie.
West Somerville	Andrew Carnegie.
South Hadley	William H. Gaylord.
South Hadley Falls	Andrew Carnegie.
Southampton	Winslow H. Edwards.
Southbridge	Jacob Edwards.
Spencer	Richard Sugden; bequest of George Bemis for annex (1910).
Springfield	City Library Association, Andrew Carnegie and others.
Forest Park	Andrew Carnegie.
Indian Orchard	Andrew Carnegie.
Memorial Square	Andrew Carnegie and citizens.
Sterling	Edward Conant of Worcester, as a memorial of his daughter, Elizabeth Anne.
Stockbridge	Hon. John Z. Goodrich.
Stoneham	Andrew Carnegie.
Stoughton	Lucius Clapp of Randolph.
Stow	Belinda Lull Randall, for estate of John Witt Randall.

Sturbridge	George B. Hyde of Boston, as a memorial of his father, Joshua Hyde.
Sudbury	John Goodnow of Boston.
Sunderland	John Long Graves.
Swansea	Hon. F. S. Stevens.
Taunton	Andrew Carnegie.
Tisbury	Mrs. Pauline Arnoux MacArthur, as a memorial of her parents, Judge and Mrs. William H. Arnoux.
Truro	Elisha Cobb.
Tyngsborough	Mrs. Lucy Littlefield, as a memorial of her daughter, and town appropriation.
Tyringham	Townspeople and others.
Uxbridge	Hon. Edward C. Thayer of Keene.
Wakefield ¹	Cyrus Wakefield.
Walpole	Andrew Carnegie.
Waltham	Francis Buttrick.
Ware	Hon. William Hyde and others.
Wareham	Gift of Mrs. Blanche W. Tobey.
Warren	Nathan Richardson and others.
Watertown	Hollis H. Hunnewell and others.
Wayland	Warren Gould Roby.
Wellesley	Hollis H. Hunnewell.
Wellfleet	Townspeople and summer residents.
West Boylston	G. Calvin Rice.
West Brookfield	Charles Merriam of Springfield.
West Springfield	Andrew Carnegie.
West Tisbury	Subscription.
Westborough	Charles S. Henry and others.
Westfield	Milton B. Whitney.
Westford	Hon. John Varnum Fletcher.
Westminster	Charles A. Forbush.
Westport ²	Subscription.
Westwood	Howard Colburn.
Weymouth	Quincy and Susan Tufts.
South Weymouth	John S. Fogg.
Wilbraham	Henry Cutler.
Williamsburg	Stephen Meekins.
Haydenville	Anna Hayden.
Winchendon	Charles L. Beals.

¹ Town hall.² Not the town library.

Winthrop	Mrs. Eliza W. Frost, as a memorial of her husband, and town appropriation.
Woburn	Charles Bowers Winn, as a memorial of his father.
North Woburn . . .	Jonathan Thompson.
Worcester (Greendale) .	Andrew Carnegie.
Quinsigamond . . .	Andrew Carnegie.
Southbridge Street .	Andrew Carnegie.
Worthington	Rev. Frederick Sargent Huntington; site given by descendants of W. W. Rice.
Wrentham	Heirs of Hon. Josiah J. Fiske.
Yarmouth	Nathan Matthews of Boston.

Total, 287.

OTHER LIBRARIES IN SEPARATE BUILDINGS.

Adams	Built by taxation.
Barnstable (Hyannis) .	Hyannis Library Association.
Beverly	Built by taxation.
Beverly Farms . . .	Built by taxation.
Boston	Built by taxation.
Charlestown	Built by taxation.
East Boston	Built by taxation.
Hyde Park	Built by taxation.
Jamaica Plain . . .	Built by taxation.
North End	Built by taxation.
West End	Remodeled church.
West Roxbury . . .	Built by taxation.
Boxborough	Former town hall.
Brookline	Built by taxation.
Burlington	Former schoolhouse.
Dartmouth (North) .	Built by taxation.
Dudley	Built by taxation.
Fall River	Built by taxation.
Falmouth	Built by taxation.
Foxborough	Built by taxation.
Framingham	Built by taxation.
Freetown	Building loaned.
Gill (Riverside Branch) .	Rented.
Gosnold	Built by taxation.

Greenfield	Colonial house purchased by town.
Halifax	Built by taxation.
Holland	Built by taxation.
Hull	Remodeled house.
Lowell	Built by taxation.
Lynnfield	Remodeled schoolhouse.
Mendon	Built by taxation.
Milford ¹	Memorial Hall.
Milton	Built by taxation.
Montague City	Ladies Industrial Society.
Nahant	Built by taxation.
New Bedford	Built by taxation.
New Marlborough (Mill River)	Old post office loaned by Thomas Davis.
New Salem	Old Academy Building, rented.
Palmer ¹	Memorial Hall.
Raynham	Remodeled tramp house.
Salem (South Branch)	Built by taxation.
Sandisfield	Built by taxation.
Shelburne	Built by taxation.
Southborough	Built by taxation.
Southwick	Built by taxation.
Swampscott	Built by taxation.
Templeton	Built by taxation.
Tewksbury	Former schoolhouse.
Townsend Hill	Former schoolhouse.
Townsend, West	Loaned by Mrs. C. S. Homer.
West Bridgewater	Former school building.
West Newbury	Built by taxation.
Weston	Built by taxation.
Westport Point	Library cottage loaned.
Williamstown	Rented by town.
Wilmington	Remodeled schoolhouse.
Worcester	Built by taxation.
Yarmouth (South)	Loaned by a friend.

Total, 58.

¹ Also G. A. R. quarters.

LIBRARIES IN BUILDINGS OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Acushnet	Town hall.
Agawam	Town hall.
Bedford	Town hall.
Berlin	Town hall.
Boston: —	
Dorchester Branch .	Municipal building.
Upham's Corner Branch	Municipal building.
Carver	Town hall.
Cheshire	Town hall.
Chester	Town hall.
Chesterfield	Town hall.
Chilmark	Town hall.
Dartmouth	Former schoolhouse.
Dover	Town hall.
Dracut	Town building.
East Longmeadow . .	Town hall.
Egremont	Town hall.
Enfield	Town hall.
Erving	Town building.
Gill	Town hall.
Grafton	Town hall.
Hamilton	Town hall.
Hancock	Town hall.
Hawley	Town hall.
Middlefield	Town hall.
Montague	Town hall.
New Braintree . . .	Town hall.
Norfolk	High school building.
Paxton	Town hall.
Pelham	Town hall.
Peru	Town hall.
Phillipston	Town hall.
Plymouth (Manomet) .	Schoolhouse.
Prescott	Town hall.
Rowe	Town hall.
Russell	Town hall.
Rutland	Town hall.
Seekonk	Town hall.
Sheffield	Town hall.
Sutton	Town hall.

Topsfield	Town hall.
Townsend	Town hall.
Upton	Town hall.
Warwick	Town hall.
Wendell	Town hall.
Wenham	Town hall.
West Stockbridge . .	Town hall.
Westport	Town hall.
Whately	Town hall.
Whitman	Town hall.
Winchester	Town hall.

Total, 50.

NOTE. — There are many libraries and branches in school buildings not included in this list.

FUNDS ACCUMULATING FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.

Acushnet	Small fund.
Barnstable	Small fund.
Barnstable (Hyannis) .	\$8,862.03.
Becket	\$500.
Bedford	\$25.
Berlin	Fund.
Bernardston	Fund.
Boxford	\$125.
Boxford (West) . . .	Site.
Chester	\$3,000.
Chesterfield	\$700 from Imogene Pyncheon.
Chicopee	\$500.
Dover	Fund.
Freetown	\$1,000 for additions.
Gay Head	Fund.
Gill	H. M. Slate of Athol left \$8,000 for building after death of wife.
Grafton	Small fund.
Groveland	\$7,000 from Capt. J. G. B. Adams.
Hampden	Small fund.
Hatfield	\$1,491.96.
Hopedale	Fund for children's room.
Ipswich	Fund.
Leicester	Fund.

Malden	\$28,170.
Maynard	\$2,500 from Cecilia Moynahan and site from Jeremiah Moynahan.
Montague (Millers Falls)	\$600.
Monterey	\$500.
Otis	Fund.
Palmer	Fund.
Peabody	\$66,000 from Peabody fund.
Peabody (Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library)	Fund.
Pembroke (Bryantville) .	Fund for enlargement of building, \$900.
Plymouth (Manomet) .	\$218, also \$2,500 for village hall, in- cluding library.
Rowe	Fund.
Salem	\$2,746.12.
Salisbury	Site purchased and fund started.
South Hadley	Funds from endowments.
Spencer	\$15,000 for an annex.
Sturbridge	Site for branch library offered by Charles F. French.
Sunderland	Fund.
Wakefield	Site purchased by subscription.
Wales	Fund.
Wareham	Fund.
Warwick	\$1,000.
Wendell	Fund.
West Newbury	\$5,000.
Westfield	\$60,000 from Milton B. Whitney (1915), to accumulate for five years for building.
Yarmouth	Fund.
Yarmouth (West)	\$200.

Total, 49.

APPENDIX IV

VISITS AND TRAVELING LIBRARIES

Libraries visited by the agent during the year: —

Adams	Granby (four visits)
Amherst (two visits)	Greenfield
Ashby	Hadley (three visits)
Athol	Hampden
Attleboro	Harwich
Barnstable (Hyannis) (four visits)	West Harwich
Bellingham	Haverhill
Billerica	Hinsdale
Blackstone	Holliston
Brockton	Hudson
Brookfield	Huntington
West Brookfield	Lanesborough (three visits)
Chatham	Lee (two visits)
Chester	Lenox (two visits)
Cohasset	Leverett (four visits)
Dalton (two visits)	Littleton
Deerfield (South) (three visits)	Ludlow
Dighton	Lunenburg
Duxbury	Lynn (two visits)
East Longmeadow	Lynnfield
Eastham	Marblehead
Easthampton (three visits)	Marlborough
Enfield (three visits)	Marshfield
Essex	Millville
Everett	Nahant
Fairhaven	New Ashford (two visits)
Falmouth (Woods Hole)	New Bedford
Fitchburg	Newbury (Byfield)
Foxborough	North Adams
Framingham (two visits)	Blackinton (two visits)
Franklin	North Andover
Gloucester	Northampton (two visits)
Annisquam	Orange

Orleans	Taunton
Palmer (two visits)	Tisbury (Vineyard Haven)
Three Rivers	Townsend
Pelham (three visits)	Walpole (four visits)
Pembroke (two visits)	Ware
Bryantville	Wareham
Pittsfield	Warren
Plymouth (two visits)	Webster
Rowley (two visits)	Wellesley
Russell (three visits)	West Brookfield
Woronoco	West Newbury
Salem	West Springfield (two visits)
Saugus (five visits)	Westfield
Sharon	Westminster
Shutesbury (four visits)	Whately (two visits)
Somerset	Wilbraham (two visits)
Southbridge	North Wilbraham
Southwick	Williamsburg
Springfield	Williamstown
Stoneham (two visits)	South Williamstown
Sudbury (South)	Woburn
Sunderland	Worcester
Swampscott	Wrentham (six visits) — 116

Libraries visited by the general secretary during the year: —

Ashburnham (three visits)	Natick (South) (four visits)
Berkley	Orange
Brimfield	Palmer
Deerfield (South)	Petersham
Fitchburg	Revere
Foxborough (five visits)	Sharon
Greenfield	Shrewsbury
Hadley	Southbridge
Hampden	Tyringham
Holland	Walpole
Lanesborough	Westminster
Leominster	Winchendon
Monson	Wrentham — 26

Libraries visited by Miss O'Herron during the year: —

Becket	Mount Washington
Chester	Plainfield
Egremont	Savoy
Hancock	Windsor — 8

Circulating libraries have been sent by the Woman's Education Association to the following towns:—

Acton (West)	Freetown (East)
Acushnet ¹	Gardner ²
Alford	Georgetown ²
Amherst (North) ²	Gill
Ashland ²	Goshen
Athol ²	Great Barrington (Housatonic) ²
Barnstable (Hyannis) ²	Greenwich
Blandford ²	Halifax
Boxborough	Hancock
Boxford ²	Hardwick (Wheelwright)
Boylston ²	Hawley
Brewster (East)	Heath
Buckland	Holland
Burlington	Hubbardston ²
Charlemont ²	Hudson ²
Chester (Chester Center)	Huntington
Littleville	Leverett
North Chester	Leyden
Chesterfield	Mansfield ²
Chilmark	Mattapoisett ²
Clarksburg (Briggsville)	Merrimac (Merrimacport)
Bishop School	Middleton ²
Centre School	Monroe (Monroe Bridge)
Houghtonsville	Montague (Millers Falls)
Clinton ²	Montague City
Colrain	Monterey
Cummington (Center)	Natick ²
Swift River	New Marlborough (Center)
West Cummington	Clayton
Dartmouth ²	Hartsville
Deerfield ²	Mill River
South Deerfield ²	Southfield
Douglas ²	New Salem
Dudley ²	Northfield ²
Dunstable	Oak Bluffs
Edgartown ²	Oakham
Erving ¹	Otis
Farley	Palmer (Three Rivers) ²
Florida	Paxton
Drury	Pelham
Hoosac Tunnel	Pepperell (East)
Franklin ²	Peru

¹ These places have had both regular and special libraries.

² These places have had special libraries only.

Petersham ¹	Upton ¹
Pittsfield ¹	Wales
Plainfield	Ware ¹
Plymouth (Manomet) ²	Washington
Prescott	Wayland ¹
Rowe	Webster ¹
Royalston	Wellfleet
Russell	Wendell
Rutland	West Boylston
Sandisfield	West Springfield (Ashleyville)
Sharon ¹	West Stockbridge
Shelburne (Shelburne Falls) ¹	West Center
Shrewsbury ¹	West Tisbury
Shutesbury	Westminster
South Hadley ¹	Westport
Townsend (Townsend Hill)	Windsor
Tyngsborough ¹	Yarmouth (West) — 119
Tyringham	

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APPENDIX V

ADVISORY VISITORS, 1916-17

Mrs. MABEL SIMPKINS AGASSIZ	Yarmouthport.
Miss MAY ASHLEY	Greenfield.
Mr. H. H. BALLARD	Pittsfield.
Mrs. FRANCIS C. BARLOW	Lenox.
Mr. WILLIAM W. BRYANT	Brookline.
Miss ALICE G. CHANDLER	Lancaster.
Mrs. KNIGHT DEXTER CHENEY	Rowley.
Mrs. EDWARD B. COLE	Wenham.
Mr. J. RANDOLPH COOLIDGE, Jr.	Brookline-Manchester.
Miss SUSAN C. CRAMPTON	Brookline.
Mrs. ZENAS CRANE	Pittsfield-Dalton.
Mrs. FREDERICK CUNNINGHAM	Brookline-Hubbardston.
Miss JULIA DELANO	New Bedford.
Miss NELLIE E. DODGE	Springfield.
Miss IDA F. FARRAR	Springfield.
Mrs. HENRY R. HOYT	New Marlborough.
Miss ANNA B. JACKSON	North Adams.
Miss CAROLINE JENKS	Bedford.
Miss ADA L. JOSLIN	Oxford-Boston.
Miss KATHARINE P. LORING	Prides Crossing.
Miss LUCY LOWELL	Boston.
Mrs. HARRIS P. MOSHER	Marblehead-Boston.
Mr. JOHN G. MOULTON	Haverhill.
Mrs. PONSONBY OGLE	New Marlborough-New York.
Miss MARY L. POLAND	Springfield.
Miss MARY RODMAN	Concord.
Mr. WILLIAM H. SANDERSON	Chester.
Mrs. ROBERT K. SHAW	Worcester.
Miss ALICE SHEPARD	Springfield.
Mrs. MARTHA N. RICH	Hyannis.
Mrs. J. M. STEVENSON	Pittsfield.
Miss MARY G. STONE	Manchester.
Miss MARY ANNA TARBELL	Brimfield.
Miss ELIZABETH P. THURSTON	Newton.
Mrs. GRACE M. WHITTEMORE	Hudson. — 35.